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The President of the European Parliament, Mr Pict DANKERT, wishes to put on record his unequivocal condemnation of the military invasion by the Argentine armed forces of the British Falkland Islands and dependencies.

He expresses his deep anxiety over the serious consequences which may result if the Argentine Government does not immediately withdraw its occupying forces in conformity with the appeal made by the United Nations Security Council on 1 April 1982.

Mr Dankert endorses the declaration made by the Foreign Ministers of the Member States on 2 April 1982 and the declaration by the Commission of the European Communities; in particular, he supports the appeal to the governments concerned to energetically pursue the search for a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

The European Parliament will be holding a debate on the conflict between the United Kingdom and Argentina during its next part-session (on 19-23 April 1982).

On that occasion Parliament will no doubt be examining the concrete measures necessary to put an end to the serious crisis which has broken out between a Member State of a European Community founded on solidarity and a major Latin-American country.