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The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the British Embassy and has the honour to refer to the Embassy's Note (63/4/82) of 29 April, 1982 concerning the question of Informal Presidency approaches to a number of third countries to explain the measures adopted by the European Community in regard to the Falkland Islands problem and, where appropriate, to ask that steps be taken to see to it that these measures not be circumvented.

The Department wishes to inform the Embassy that the Irish Government agrees that the Presidency might make such informal approaches provided that the proposal is also acceptable to all of the other member States of the Community.

With regard to the question of publicity, the Department considers in current circumstances that it would be prudent that publicity should not be given to the approaches by the Presidency. Thus publicity would emerge only if an announcement were issued by a country approached.



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The Department believes that it would help to promote understanding and appreciation for the position taken by the Ten if Britain were to be seen to have recourse to all of the diplomatic instruments available, in particular, appropriate involvement of the United Nations. In this connection, and in view of Ireland's current membership of the U.N. Security Council, the Department wishes to draw the attention of the Embassy to the message of 16 April from the Taoiseach to the British Prime Minister in which the Taoiseach expressed the Irish Government's "continuing readiness to help insofar as we can in advancing a resolution of the crisis and the achievement of an honourable and enduring settlement".

The Department takes this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurance of its highest consideration.

30 April, 1982.