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### **Letter dated 2 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

I have the honour to refer to the addendum to the views on conclusions and/or recommendations, voluntary commitments and replies of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (A/HRC/36/9/Add.1) (United Kingdom, British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies: annex to the response to the recommendations received on 4 May 2017), submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and published on the official website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights ([www.ohchr.org](http://www.ohchr.org)). In that document, the Malvinas Islands are characterized as a “British overseas territory”, as if they were separate from Argentina, and are referred to using an exclusively British place name.

In that connection, the Argentine Government recalls that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the national territory of Argentina and, owing to their illegal occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the subject of a dispute over sovereignty between the two countries, as recognized by the United Nations and other international organizations.

The illegal occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has led to the adoption by the General Assembly of resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of a dispute over sovereignty, referred to as the “question of the Malvinas”, and urges the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations with a view to settling the dispute, peacefully and definitively, as soon as possible. The Special Committee on Decolonization of the United Nations has also repeatedly called for negotiations, most recently in a resolution approved on 23 June 2017.

By virtue of the foregoing, the Argentine Government rejects the attempt made in that document to characterize the Argentine territory as a “British overseas territory”. By the same token, the Argentine Republic rejects any other document or act deriving from the attempted territorial extension referred to above and duly rejected by Argentina.

The Argentine Republic would also request that all necessary measures be taken to ensure the correct application of all versions of the United Nations Secretariat editorial directive ST/CS/SER.A/42 in order to reflect the existence of that dispute over sovereignty by means of the inclusion of the footnote and dual nomenclature established therein.



Lastly, the Argentine Government requests that this letter be distributed as an official document of the Human Rights Council.

*(Signed)* Marcelo **Cima**  
Ambassador  
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