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Letter dated 4 September 2014 from the representative of Argentina to the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States addressed to the President of the Conference

I am writing to you about the official list of participants in the third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, contained in document [A/CONF.223/INF/2](#). In particular, I refer to the list of representatives submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Argentine Government rejects the identification, in the official list of participants, of some members of the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland as belonging to the illegitimate government of the Malvinas Islands.

The Argentine Republic recalls that the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of Argentine national territory and, as a result of their illegitimate occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are the subject of a sovereignty dispute between the two countries, as has been recognized by the United Nations.

In this regard, the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), [31/49](#), [37/9](#), [38/12](#), [39/6](#), [40/21](#), [41/40](#), [42/19](#) and [43/25](#), whereby it recognizes the existence of a sovereignty dispute in connection with the “question of the Malvinas Islands” and urges the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the dispute. Similarly, the United Nations Special Committee on decolonization has adopted more than 30 resolutions on the question, the most recent of which was adopted on 26 June 2014.

The Argentine Government requests that you kindly have this letter circulated as a document of the Conference.

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Head of the Argentine delegation

