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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF  
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 19 January 1979 from the Permanent Representative  
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to  
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address Your Excellency in relation to the question of the Falkland Islands.

In this connexion and bearing in mind paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 31/49 of 1 December 1976, I have the pleasure to inform Your Excellency that representatives of the Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Argentina met at Geneva from 18 to 20 December 1978 and, as stated in the joint communiqué annexed to the present note, decided to meet again in early 1979.

I request Your Excellency to arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples", and brought to the attention of the Special Committee on Decolonization.

(Signed) Ivor RICHARD

ANNEX

Joint communiqué dated 20 December 1978

1. In accordance with the announcement made simultaneously by the Argentine and British Governments on 15 December 1978, delegations representing the two countries met at Geneva from 18 to 20 December 1978, in order to conduct a third round of negotiations on the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, in accordance with the terms of reference for these negotiations announced on 26 April 1977. The two delegations were led, respectively, by Captain D. Gualter Oscar Allara, Under-Secretary for Foreign Relations of the Republic of Argentina, and by Mr. Ted Rowlands MP, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.
2. The discussions between the two delegations were conducted in a positive spirit and reviewed all the issues with which the negotiations are concerned. The delegations have reached agreement in principle on the outline of a scheme for co-operation in their scientific research activities in the Falkland Island Dependencies.
3. They agreed to carry on consideration of the various issues before them at a meeting in early 1979. The venue, date and level of this meeting will be settled through diplomatic channels.

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