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TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 19 January 1979 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to address myself to you in connexion with the question of the Malvinas Islands.

In that connexion, and bearing in mind paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 31/49 of 1 December 1976, I am pleased to inform you that representatives of the Governments of Argentina and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland met in Geneva from 18 to 20 December 1978 and, as reported in the communiqué annexed to this note, decided to resume their meetings early in 1979.

I request you to arrange to have this letter and the annex thereto circulated as an official document of the General Assembly in connexion with the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples" and to bring them to the attention of the Special Committee on Decolonization.

(Signed) Enrique J. ROS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Joint communiqué dated 20 December 1978

1. In accordance with the announcement made simultaneously by the Argentine and United Kingdom Governments on 15 December 1978, the delegations of the two countries met in Geneva from 18 to 20 December 1978 in order to participate in the third round of negotiations on the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands in accordance with the terms of reference announced on 26 April 1977. The two delegations were headed respectively by Capitán de Navío D. Gualter Allara, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic, and Mr. Ted Rowlands, 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 matters within the scope of the negotiations. The delegations reached agreement in principle on the framework for a system of co-operation for scientific research activities in South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.
3. They agreed to continue consideration of the various questions under consideration at a meeting to be held early in 1979. The date, place and level of the next meeting will be determined through the diplomatic channel.
