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QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

Letter dated 16 August 1982 from the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela addressed to the Secretary-General

Under rule 14 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the countries of Latin America, who have signed this letter, request the inclusion in the agenda of the thirty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly of a supplementary item entitled "Question of the Malvinas Islands".

Furthermore, pursuant to rule 20 of the rules of procedure, the reasons behind our request for the inclusion of this item are stated below.

The persistence of this colonial situation in America and the dispute between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Islands, on which the General Assembly has expressed itself in resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII) and 31/49, have led to serious armed conflict in the South Atlantic and constitute a situation that affects the Latin American region in particular.

The countries of America, which are peace-loving and anxious for a peaceful settlement of the conflict, consider that the negotiations between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland should be conducted under the auspices of the United Nations.

The General Assembly of the Organization, in which the international community is represented, constitutes an appropriate forum for considering the item.

For the foregoing reasons, we request that the question of the Malvinas Islands be considered by the General Assembly, so that the latter may urge the parties to the dispute to resume, under United Nations auspices and at the earliest possible date, the negotiations with a view to a peaceful settlement.

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