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QUESTION OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)

Letter dated 1 November 1982 from the Permanent Representative of
Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request you to have the attached letter, dated
8 June 1977, circulated as an annex to document A/37/553 and Corr.1, entitled
"Question of the Malvinas Islands and the United Nations General Assembly".

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑOZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 8 June 1977 from the Permanent Representative
of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General*

I have the honour to address Your Excellency in relation to the question of the Malvinas Islands and, bearing in mind paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 31/49 of 1 December 1976, to forward a copy of a joint communiqué issued in Buenos Aires and London on 26 April 1977.

I request Your Excellency to arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly and brought to the attention of the Special Committee on Decolonization.

(Signed) Carlos ORTIZ DE ROZAS
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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AnnexJoint communiqué

The Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have agreed to hold negotiations from June or July 1977 which will concern future political relations, including sovereignty, with regard to the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and economic co-operation with regard to the said territories, in particular, and the South West Atlantic, in general. In these negotiations the issues affecting the future of the islands will be discussed, and negotiations will be directed to the working out of a peaceful solution to the existing dispute on sovereignty between the two States, and the establishment of a framework for Anglo-Argentine economic co-operation which will contribute substantially to the development of the islands, and the region as a whole.

A major objective of the negotiations will be to achieve a stable, prosperous and politically durable future for the islands, whose people the Government of the United Kingdom will consult during the course of the negotiations.

The agreement to hold these negotiations, and the negotiations themselves, are without prejudice to the position of either Government with regard to sovereignty over the islands.

The level at which the negotiations will be conducted, and the times and places at which they will be held, will be determined by agreement between the two Governments. If necessary, special working groups will be established.
