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Letter dated 9 January 1984 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press release issued on 3 January 1984 by the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Public Worship.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a General Assembly document and brought to the attention of the Special Committee on Decolonization in connection with the question of the Malvinas.

(Signed) Carlos Manuel MUÑIZ
Ambassador

ANNEX

Press release

Today, 3 January, is the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Great Britain's illegal occupation of the Malvinas by force.

On this anniversary of a sad event in our history, it is important to underscore the constant desire of the people and Government of Argentina to reverse the situation and restore the Malvinas, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands to the national patrimony.

The present Government of Argentina, in one of its first actions in the area of international relations, has reiterated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations its respect for the principle of peaceful settlement of international disputes and its readiness to open the negotiations in good faith which the United Nations General Assembly has recommended in resolution 38/12 and other resolutions on the question of the Malvinas, with a view to a permanent settlement of the dispute.

The Argentine Government also wishes to stress once again the importance it attaches to the interests of the islanders. Those interests will be duly served and secured by the national Constitution, by the democratic principles, rights and guarantees applicable in the Argentine Republic, and by the special terms of any guarantees and safeguards which may be agreed in due course.

This date cannot be observed without an expression of gratitude by the Government and people of Argentina to those countries which have constantly supported our struggle to recover the territory: the Latin American States, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and all those States which have understood the substance of Argentina's claim and the importance of achieving a just and peaceful settlement in the interest of the maintenance of international concord and harmony.

We cannot end this commemoration without remembering those young Argentine soldiers who gave their lives in the just cause of the fatherland.

Buenos Aires, 3 January 1984
