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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)**Letter dated 6 March 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

In accordance with instructions from the Government of the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to refer to you the letter dated 12 February 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina, addressed to you, transmitting a letter from Eduardo Airaldi, Director General at the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship, to the President of the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) (A/63/719) regarding the assignment of Internet domains for the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

The Government of the United Kingdom firmly rejects the points made by the Argentine Government in this letter. The Government of the United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The United Kingdom supports the right of the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the Sandwich Islands to have country code Top Level Domains to service their respective communities.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 23.

(Signed) John Sawers

