

SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

1. The Heads of State and Government of Latin American and the Caribbean, gathered in Santiago, Chile, on 28 January 2013, in the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), reiterate their strongest support to the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, as well as the permanent interest of the countries of the region so that the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland resume negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful and definitive solution to the dispute, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Organization (UNO) and the Organization of American States (OAS), as expressed in the previous Declarations of the Rio Group and the Latin America and Caribbean Summit (CALC), particularly the Summit of Riviera Maya, Mexico, of 23 February 2010, which are part of the historical heritage of CELAC.

2. Moreover, they reiterate the importance of complying with the provisions of Resolution 31/49 of the United Nations General Assembly, which calls upon both parties to refrain from adopting decisions that entail the introduction of unilateral modifications to the situation while the Islands are subject to the process recommended by the General Assembly.

3. They underscore the continuous constructive attitude and willingness of the Argentine Government to reach, through negotiation, a peaceful and definitive solution to this anachronistic colonial situation on American soil.

4. In this respect, the Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) request the CELAC Troika to contact once again the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, in order to inquire on the status of progress of his actions within the framework of the good offices mission entrusted to him by the General Assembly, seeking the resumption of negotiations between Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, with a view to finding, as soon as possible, a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute on the issue of the Malvinas Islands.

5. The Heads of State and Government of CELAC thank the Troika for its actions.

Santiago, Chile, 28 January 2013