



XXVIII Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultation and Political Coordination, Rio Group.

DECLARATION ON “THE ISSUE OF THE MALVINA ISLANDS”

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Rio Group reaffirm their support to the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the dispute over sovereignty with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland relating to the “Question of the Malvinas Islands”.

They recall the regional interest in 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 just, peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and declarations of the United Nations and the Organisation of American States.

They further state that, in respect of the Treaty of Lisbon modifying the Treaty of the European Union and the Constitutive Treaty of the European Community, the inclusion of the Malvinas, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands in the regime of “Association of the Overseas Countries and Territories” is incompatible with the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic and with the existence of a sovereignty dispute over the said archipelagos.

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