



SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON EXPLORATION FOR FOSSIL FUELS ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF

At the Unity Summit of Latin America and the Caribbean, the President of the Argentine Republic, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, informed the Heads of State of Latin America and the Caribbean about persistent unilateral British actions in prospecting for and extracting fossil fuels in the area of the Argentine continental shelf.

The President of Argentina noted that a semi-submersible oil rig had arrived to begin exploration work in an area of the Argentine continental shelf located some 100 nautical miles north of the Malvinas Islands. In connection with this, on 2 February 2010 the Argentine Government sent the United Kingdom a note of protest, rejecting its decision to authorise those activities. That note of protest has been distributed as an official document of both the United Nations and the OAS.

In this regard, the Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean recalled United Nations General Assembly Resolution 31/49 which "calls upon the two parties to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended" by the General Assembly.

Mayan Riviera, Mexico, February 23, 2010

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