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**Permanent Mission of the Argentine Republic
to the United Nations**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

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Sir,

Further to the statement made by Argentina to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 26 August 2009 (see document CLCS/64, paragraph 74), I have the honour to write to you in reference to note verbale No. 84/09 of 6 August 2009 from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Mr. Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General

United Nations

New York

The Argentine Republic rejects in its entirety the content of the aforementioned note verbale from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

At the same time, the Argentine Republic reiterates the content of its note of 20 August 2009, in which it objected to the British submission to the Commission concerning the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands, and recalls that those archipelagos and the surrounding maritime areas are an integral part of the national territory of the Argentine Republic and that, being illegally occupied by the United Kingdom, they are the subject of a sovereignty dispute between the two countries, which has been repeatedly recognized in declarations by the United Nations and other international forums and organizations.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its rights to sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas and over the Argentine Antarctic Sector. Furthermore, it rejects all claims of sovereignty by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland over Antarctic Territory.

The Argentine Republic requests that this note be circulated among the States members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, the States parties to the

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the other States Members of the

United Nations. It further requests that this note be posted on the website of the Division for

Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Mateo **Estremé**

Minister

Chargé d'affaires a.i.