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The Argentine Government reiterates the statement made on the occasion of the First Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels in the sense of rejecting the extension of application to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich islands made by the United Kingdom when ratifying ACAP. In this regard, Argentina also rejects references found in documents of the Second Meeting of the Advisory Committee in relation to the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich islands as separate from the Argentine Republic and with a nomenclature which does not correspond with the guidelines promulgated by Editorial Directive ST/CS/SER.A/42 of the United Nations, as well as references made by the alleged local authorities of said territories.

The Argentine Government recalls that the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich islands and the surrounding maritime spaces are an integral part of the territory of the Argentine Republic and that they have been illegitimately occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, this being the subject of a sovereignty dispute between two countries which has been recognized by a number of international organizations.

In this regard, the General Assembly of the United Nations has adopted Resolutions 2065 (XX), 3160 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognizes the existence of the sovereignty dispute in relation to the "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" urging the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume their negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the sovereignty dispute ". Furthermore, the Special Committee on Decolonization of the United Nations has pronounced itself on repeated occasions in the same sense, more recently through a resolution adopted on 15 June 2005. Further, the General Assembly of the Organization of American States adopted on 7 June 2005 a new statement of similar terms over this issue.

The Argentine Government further recalls paragraph 1.12 of the "Report of the First Meeting of the Advisory Committee": "It was noted that in documents produced by the Secretariat, all references to the Falkland Islands should be read as 'Falkland Islands / Islas Malvinas' and all references to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands should be read as 'South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands / Islas Georgias del Sur e Islas Sandwich del Sur'. Corrections to the current documents will appear on the website and future documents will use this formulation".