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**Argentinean Embassy**

## **Letter from Argentinean Embassy**





*Embassy  
of the  
Argentine Republic*

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**Interim Secretariat  
Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels  
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The Embassy of the Argentine Republic presents its compliments to the Interim Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels and has the pleasure to refer to the interest of the Argentine Republic that Signatory States to the above mentioned Agreement could participate at the First Meeting (MOP1) on equal terms with the Parties.

It is worth noting that Argentina has been an active participant throughout the negotiation of the Agreement having signed it on January 19 this year. At the same time it has expressed its intention to ratify it immediately after the Parliament approves the relevant law. As a Range State, Argentina has a genuine interest in intervening in the discussions and adoption of decisions regarding the issues to be dealt with during MOP1.

Bearing in mind Argentina's willingness to ratify the Agreement in the short term and the present limited membership of the Agreement its participation on an equal basis with Parties would help to strengthen the MOP1 decision making process.

It would be highly appreciated if this note could be circulated among the participant States to MOP1.

The Embassy of the Argentine Republic avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Interim Secretariat of the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels the assurances of its highest consideration.

