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### **Letter dated 8 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the Secretary-General**

In accordance with instructions from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, I have the honour to refer you to the letter dated 25 June 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina addressed to you (contained in United Nations document SPLOS/199) regarding references to the submission made by the United Kingdom to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in respect of the Falkland Islands, and of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands in United Nations document SPLOS/INF/22. In this respect, the United Kingdom takes note of corrigenda 1 and 2 to United Nations document SPLOS/INF/22.

The United Kingdom rejects the claim by the Government of the Argentine Republic to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and the surrounding maritime areas.

The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and the surrounding maritime areas.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the text of the present letter as a document of the Nineteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

*(Signed)* Sir John **Sawers**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative

