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Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)**Letter dated 13 December 2011 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the "Special communiqué on the Malvinas Islands", adopted by the Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Caracas on 3 December 2011 within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 45, concerning the question of the Malvinas Islands.

(Signed) **Diego Limeres**
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Deputy Permanent Representative
Chargé d'affaires a. i.



**Annex to the letter dated 13 December 2011 from the Chargé
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Special communiqué on the Malvinas Islands

1. The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Caracas on 3 December 2011 within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States, reiterate their strongest support for the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas and the abiding interest of the countries of the region in the resumption of negotiations by the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful and definitive solution to the dispute in accordance with the relevant pronouncements by the United Nations and the Organization of American States, as expressed in previous declarations by the Rio Group and the Latin American and Caribbean Summit, in particular the declaration of the Riviera Maya Summit, Mexico, 23 February 2010, which are part of the Community's historical heritage.
2. Furthermore, they reiterate the importance of observing the provisions of General Assembly resolution 31/49, which calls on 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 Assembly.
3. They highlight the continuous constructive attitude and willingness of the Argentine Government to reach, through negotiations, a peaceful and definitive solution to this anachronistic colonial situation on American soil.
4. In this regard, the Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States instruct the Presidency Pro Tempore to request the United Nations Secretary-General to renew his efforts in carrying out the mission of good offices entrusted to him by the General Assembly under successive resolutions for the resumption of negotiations aimed at finding as soon as possible a peaceful solution to the dispute and to inform us of the progress achieved in carrying out his mission.
5. The Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States thank the Presidency Pro Tempore for its efforts.