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The Permanent Observer Mission of the United Kingdom presents its compliments to the Chair of the thirty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, and has the honour to enclose a letter from the Permanent Observer of the United Kingdom on the question of the Falkland Islands.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the United Kingdom requests that the letter be distributed to all delegations at the thirty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, to be held in Fort Lauderdale from June 5 to 7, 2005, as an information document.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the United Kingdom avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chair of the thirty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States the assurances of its highest consideration.



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I have the honour to refer to the Declaration on the Question of the Falkland Islands (the correct name for the Islands in the English language) adopted by this plenary session.

The United Kingdom's position was last set out in detail by the United Kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sir Emyr Jones Parry, in a written right of reply dated 30 September 2004 to the statement by President Nestor Carlos Kirchner of the Argentine Republic in the United Nations General Assembly on 21 September 2004. I am confident that this matter will not inhibit fruitful co-operation on the remaining issues on the agenda of the OAS Thirty-Fifth Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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

I should be grateful if your Excellency could arrange to circulate this letter as an information document and include it in the record of the General Assembly.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Tengo el honor de hacer referencia a la Declaración sobre la cuestión de las Islas Falkland (nombre correcto para las islas en el idioma inglés) aprobado por esta sesión plenaria.

La posición del Reino Unido quedó minuciosamente establecida por última vez por el Representante Permanente del Reino Unido ante las Naciones Unidas, Sir Emyr Jones Parry, en un derecho de respuesta escrito, fechado el 30 de septiembre del 2004, a la declaración del Presidente Néstor Carlos Kirchner de la República de Argentina en la Asamblea General de las Naciones Unidas (21 de septiembre, 2004). Confío en que este tema no servirá para inhibir la productiva cooperación sobre los restantes puntos del orden del día de la 35ª Sesión Regular de la Asamblea General de la OEA.

El Reino Unido no tiene duda alguna por cuanto a su soberanía sobre las Islas Falkland, Georgia del Sur e Islas Sandwich del Sur y sobre las zonas marítimas circundantes.

Le quedaría grandemente agradecido si Su Excelencia pudiera organizar la distribución de esta carta como documento informativo e incluirla en las Actas de la Asamblea General.

Quisiera aprovechar esta oportunidad para reiterarle el testimonio de mi consideración más distinguida.

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