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Communication from the Delegation
of Argentina

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Representative of Argentina with the request that it be brought to the notice of contracting parties

I write with reference to the agreements signed on 22 July 1972 by Austria, Iceland, Portugal, Sweden and Switzerland and Liechtenstein with the European Economic Community; the texts of which have been circulated in documents L/3783/Add.1, L/3780/Add.1, L/3781/Add.1, L/3782/Add.1 and L/3758/Add.1 and which are shortly to be examined by the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

In these particular cases, as in respect of any other agreement that has been or may be signed by the European Economic Community with third countries and that has been or may be communicated to the GATT secretariat for consideration by the contracting parties, I wish to make the following reservation, in compliance with instructions received from my Government:

"The inclusion in the list in Annex IV to the EEC Treaty of the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia Islands and the South Sandwich Islands under the erroneous designation 'Falkland Islands and Dependencies' in no way affects the rights of the Argentine Republic over them. Their occupation by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland led the United Nations, in resolution 2065 (XX), to invite the two parties to find a peaceful solution to the dispute concerning sovereignty over these islands.

"I wish to point out, furthermore, that the inclusion of the so-called 'British Antarctic Territory' in that list does not affect the rights of the Argentine Republic in the Argentine Antarctic sector and that this reference is covered by Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty, concluded at Washington on 1 December 1959 and signed by the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland."

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