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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF  
POLLUTION FROM SHIPS, 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE  
PROTOCOL OF 1978 RELATING THERETO**

**OPTIONAL ANNEX III**

**Communication from the United Kingdom**

The Secretary-General received, on 12 June 1996, the following communication from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London:

"The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have noted the declaration of the Government of Argentina regarding the extension by the United Kingdom of the application of the [International] Convention [for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto] to the Falkland Islands and to South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

The British Government have no doubt about the sovereignty of the United Kingdom over the Falkland Islands and over South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and their consequential right to extend the said Convention to these Territories."

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