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**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON TONNAGE
MEASUREMENT OF SHIPS, 1969**

Communication from the United Kingdom

The Secretary-General has received the following communication, dated 17 January 1996, from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London:

"The Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to the International Maritime Organization and has the honour to refer to circular TM.2/Circ.116 of 12 September 1995, reference A1/I/2.03, concerning a communication from Argentina about the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

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 Convention 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 defend the said Convention to these Territories. The British Government reject as unfounded the claims by the Government of Argentina."
