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RESOLUTION No. 44) MALVINAS

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NOTING that

The United Nations have expressed their desire to end colonialism everywhere in all its manifestations, including the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, and that the continuing existence of colonies is incompatible with the ideal of universal peace;

Argentina and the United Kingdom are in dispute over the sovereignty of the Malvinas, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, as recognised by many United Nations pronouncements, in particular, General Assembly Resolution 2065 and nine subsequent resolutions;

The United Nations have called on Argentina and the United Kingdom to resume negotiations with a view to finding a peaceful solution to the dispute over sovereignty of the said islands;

The Argentinean government has displayed a permanently constructive attitude and willingness to reach a negotiated, peaceful and definitive solution to the controversy over sovereignty;

United Nations General Assembly Resolution 31/49 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 of negotiation recommended by the General Assembly;

That the United Kingdom has been taking unilateral action in the disputed area, including the exploration and production of natural and non-renewable resources and conducting military exercises;

EXPRESSES

Its concern at the unilateral actions taken by the United Kingdom in the disputed area, including the exploration and production of natural and non-renewable resources and the conducting of military exercises, contrary to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 31/49;

URGES

The governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom to resume, without delay, negotiations to find a peaceful solution to the dispute over sovereignty, taking due account of the provisions and objectives of the United Nations Charter and General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV)l, (particularly the principle of territorial integrity) and also the interests of the population of the Malvinas Islands.

See all Congress resolutions including the Program of Action and the Constitution.