

## **VII MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE ZONE OF PEACE AND COOPERATION OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC (ZPCAS)<sup>1</sup>**

### **PARAGRAPHS ON THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL DECLARATION**

“We, the Ministers of the Member States of the Zone of Peace and Cooperation of the South Atlantic, hereinafter referred to as “the Zone”, meeting in Montevideo on the 15th and 16th of January 2013, on the occasion of the Seventh Ministerial Meeting of “the Zone”;

(...)

54. Reaffirm the necessity of bringing to speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations;

55. View with concern the continuation of situations that adversely affect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of some Member States of the Zone;

56. Support efforts by Member States of the Zone in promoting the principle of settling disputes by peaceful means and in finding negotiated solutions to territorial disputes affecting Member States of the Zone;

57. Call for the resumption of negotiations between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in accordance with General Assembly resolution 2065 (XX) and other relevant resolutions of the United Nations General Assembly on the Question of the Malvinas Islands with a view to finding as soon as possible a peaceful, just and durable solution to the sovereignty dispute;

58. Reaffirm GA resolution 31/49 which requires both parties in the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgias Islands and South Sandwich Islands and the maritime surrounding areas, to refrain from taking decisions that would imply introducing unilateral modifications in the situation while the islands are going through the process recommended by the General Assembly resolutions. In this context, view with concern the development of illegitimate hydrocarbon exploration activities in the area under dispute, as well as the reinforcement of the military presence by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in the area, in violation of UNGA Resolution 31/49.”

Montevideo, 15 and 16 November 2013

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<sup>1</sup> Integrated by the countries of Africa and Latin America with coasts on the South Atlantic Ocean.