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SUBMISSION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

United Kingdom intervention in the SBI on the Sovereignty of the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas

“I am taking the floor in response to the remarks made by the distinguished delegate of Argentina on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands and the fact that the UK has included emissions from the Falkland Islands in its reporting of Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

The United Kingdom’s position on this issue is well known and was last set out in detail by the United Kingdom’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Sir John Sawers, on 06 March 2009 in a letter to the UN Secretary General, in response to a letter dated 12 February from the Permanent Representative of Argentina.

The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The principle of self-determination, enshrined in the UN Charter, underlies our position on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands. There can be no negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands unless and until such time as the Falkland Islanders so wish. The Islanders regularly make it clear that they have no wish either to lose British sovereignty or to become independent.

The United Kingdom applied the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol to the Falkland Islands on 7 March 2007.

As such the United Kingdom has included emissions from the Falkland Islands within its Greenhouse Gas Inventories in fulfillment of its obligations under the Convention and the Protocol.”
