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Submission from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

1. A submission has been received in relation to item 16 of the agenda of the twenty-sixth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation.
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SUBMISSION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN
AND NORTHERN IRELAND

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The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and has the honour to refer to the note to the UNFCCC Secretariat from the Government of the Argentine Republic entitled “la Cuestión de las Islas Malvinas” presented by Argentina in the plenary session of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation on Tuesday 8th May 2007.

The United Kingdom firmly rejects the Argentine objection to the inclusion of the Falkland Islands in the national reports submitted by the United Kingdom to the Climate Change Secretariat, in particular in Chapter II of the IV National Communication under the Convention and in the Demonstrable Progress Report and the Initial Report under the Kyoto Protocol.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has no doubt about its sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands and their surrounding maritime areas. The United Kingdom reiterates that there can be no negotiations on the sovereignty of the Falkland Islands unless and until such time as the Falkland Islanders so wish. The principle of self-determination, which is enshrined in the United Nations Charter, underlies this position.

The Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is fully entitled to extend the UNFCCC and the Kyoto Protocol to the Falkland Islands.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland would remind the Secretariat that, in accordance with UN Editorial Directive ST/CS/SER.A/42, the name to be applied to the Falkland Islands in all United Nations documents is the following:

- In English: Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas)
- In Spanish: Islas Malvinas (Falkland Islands)
- In all other languages the equivalent of: Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland requests that the UNFCCC Secretariat include this note as part of the official report of the Subsidiary Bodies Meeting, held in Bonn, from 7 – 18 May 2007.

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland takes this opportunity to renew to the UNFCCC the assurances of its highest consideration.

London, 15 May 2007
