

Message from the Secretary



The Question of the Malvinas Islands is a primary concern of Argentine foreign policy. This State policy, with constitutional status, is firmly supported by the legitimate and imprescriptible sovereign rights that our country has over a territory usurped by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 1833. Not only law, history and geography support the inalienable rights that Argentina has over the occupied southern archipelagos, but this claim is also supported by the whole society since this national cause is strongly rooted in the memory and conscience of each of the Argentines.

In this sense, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero addressed the UN Special Committee on Decolonization where he highlighted the new bilateral agenda proposed to the United Kingdom last March before Secretary Cleverly, aimed at establishing a formal negotiation process, both transparent and based on good faith, to thus comply with the repeated resolutions adopted by the UN General Assembly.

On the other hand, in October Cafiero spoke before the plenary session of the General Assembly Fourth Committee, in which 192 countries participated. At that meeting, he again denounced the non-compliance of the occupying power, its refusal to resume the dialogue proposed by the Argentine government, which included the resumption of sovereignty negotiations, the connectivity of the islands with the mainland, measures aimed at guaranteeing the interests and way of life of the inhabitants of the islands, the conservation of natural resources and the demilitarization of the region.

In this period we have also formally begun the mandatory, periodic and permanent training on the "Question of the Malvinas Islands", established by Law 27,671, intended to all the workers of the three powers of the National State.

As the application authority, our Secretariat established the objectives and strategic lines according to two central questions raised by this matter: why the Malvinas are Argentine and what is their importance for the present and future of our country. It is undoubtedly another step towards consolidation of a sovereign conscience so relevant for those who, from different areas of the State, must manage different aspects linked to the Malvinas Question.

At such a special moment for Argentine democracy where state policies on the Malvinas are put at the center of the debate, where memory and reparation policies for our war veterans and relatives of the fallen gain relevance, where we honor and commemorate our heroes, it is essential to guarantee continuity of these policies that have broad and undisputed legitimacy both at the international level as well as among the Argentine people as a whole.

**Guillermo Carmona**  
Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic

News from the Foreign Ministry

**Malvinas: Cafiero thanked the Red Cross for its contribution to the identification of the fallen Argentine soldiers**

Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero received the Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Robert Mardini, at the San Martín Palace, and they both participated in a Round Table aimed at disseminating the institution's global actions towards promoting International Humanitarian Law.



Highlights



**Secretary Carmona claimed Argentine sovereignty over Malvinas before the UN Fourth Committee**

The Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic, Guillermo Carmona, headed the Argentine Delegation that participated in the general debate on decolonization issues within the framework of the United Nations General Assembly Fourth Committee. The Secretary was accompanied by members of Congress who are part of the National Council of Affairs Relative to the Malvinas, South Georgias, and South Sandwich Islands and the corresponding maritime and insular areas, deputies Aldo Leiva and Rosana Bertone.

**Relatives of those fallen in the Malvinas War traveled to the islands to honor their loved ones**

Based on coordinated work between the Argentine Foreign Ministry and the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, a group of relatives of those fallen in the South Atlantic conflict were able to say goodbye to six gendarmes whose remains were identified during the Second Humanitarian Project Plan, agreed with the United Kingdom and the International Committee of the Red Cross.



**Renewed support of the G77 and China on the issue of the Malvinas Islands**

During the the ministerial meeting held on the margins of the 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly, the 134 countries of the Group of 77 and China reiterated the call for Argentina and the United Kingdom to resume sovereignty negotiations over the Malvinas, South Georgias and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas in accordance with the General Assembly relevant resolutions.

**The delivery of commemorative medals to Malvinas War Veterans continues**

Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero visited the city of Campana, in the Province of Buenos Aires, where he met with local Malvinas Veterans, to whom he paid respects and delivered the commemorative presidential medal "Malvinas 40 Years", as part of the agenda of dissemination and awareness about Argentine sovereign rights launched by the Foreign Ministry, through the Secretariat of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic.



**The Foreign Ministry launched mandatory training on the Malvinas Question for the three branches of the State**

At the San Martín Palace, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero headed the official launch of the mandatory, periodic and permanent training on the "Question of the Malvinas Islands" intended for all the workers of the three powers of the National State.

**Argentina hosted the polar navigation workshop of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)**

On October 31, the opening ceremony of the IMO polar navigation training workshop took place in the Argentine Navy. Its goal is to reinforce the safety of Arctic and Antarctic maritime navigation and improve the implementation of the Polar Code.



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