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Message from the Secretary



The Secretariat of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic kept a heavy agenda during the summer, both in the national and international arena. January 3rd marked 190 years of the illegal occupation of the Malvinas islands by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. On that occasion, we officially concluded the "Malvinas 40 Years" Agenda that was launched a year ago at the Malvinas Museum. During the commemoration ceremony that we shared with Foreign Ministry Cafiero, we highlighted the great work done by the inter-ministerial table that promoted and coordinated over 1,000 official activities of visibilization of the Malvinas Question at the national, regional and international level. With great satisfaction, we verified the call for unity under the slogan "Malvinas Unites Us" has touched Argentine society deeply. The achievement of the proposed goals (honor the fallen, their relatives, and the war veterans, raise visibilization of the Malvinas Question as an unacceptable case of colonialism and a national cause, and develop diplomatic actions aimed at achieving the goal established on the National Constitution towards the recovery of the full exercise of sovereignty) encourages to continue the task, now in the context of the 40 years of Democracy. We don't hesitate to claim Malvinas is a democratic cause, since it is led by the Argentine people and the institutions that represent it.

During 2023, we look forward to continuing the development of a broad agenda on the three areas of our Secretariat. With this in mind, we have attended three multilateral organizations that are key to the Malvinas Question: the United Nations, CELAC and the African Union. In this newsletter, we provide details of the actions carried out at those organizations within the framework of the decolonization process that considers Malvinas a pending colonial case. Antarctic and oceanic policies were also among the areas addressed during the meetings held. Furthermore, we began the year with an agenda of bilateral relations with missions to Spain and Ethiopia, countries with which we share a rich diplomatic agenda.

I would like to finish the presentation of this edition of the monthly newsletter highlighting the historic presence of President Alberto Fernández in Argentine Antarctica. Our country has been a pioneer in Antarctica and today expresses its firm will to be at the cutting edge in the white continent, in that white Pampa of bicontinental Argentina. The President's presence reflects that decision of being patriotic, on the southern corner of our country.

Guillermo Carmona Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic

News from the Foreign Ministry

Cafiero, 190 years after the illegal occupation: "Malvinas is not just a date, but a unifying call that states Malvinas are, have always been and will always be Argentine"

Foreign Ministry Santiago Cafiero headed the ceremony in commemoration of the 190th anniversary of the illegal occupation of the Malvinas islands by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, together with veterans and relatives of the fallen in the South Atlantic conflict, from Mar del Plata and its surroundings.



Highlights



Malvinas - Sovereignty: Cafiero met with his British counterpart and proposed restarting the discussion on sovereignty at the UN, after notifying him of the end of the 2016 joint communiqué

Within the framework of his participation in the G20 Foreign Ministers Summit that is being held in the city of New Delhi, Republic of India, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero met with his counterpart from the United Kingdom, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Commonwealth and Development, James Cleverly.

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Alberto Fernández visited Antarctica 25 years after an Argentine president last visited the white continent

President Alberto Fernández visited the Marambio base on Argentine Antarctica Day, which marks 119 years of uninterrupted presence of our country in Antarctica, and he said: "Here, in the end of the world, one can have an idea of our homeland's dimension". He was accompanied by Minister of Defense Jorge Taiana, Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero, and other officials of the cabinet.

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Malvinas Question: CELAC expressed "its strongest support" in the sovereignty claim and highlighted the "constructive attitude" of the Argentine government to negotiate

In the occasion of the 7th Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), that took place on January 24th in Buenos Aires, the 33 Member States expressed their strongest support for the legitimate rights of the Argentine Republic in the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich islands and the corresponding maritime areas.

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Good offices and rejection of the deployment of "Kosovar troops" in Malvinas among Secretary Carmona's agenda at the UN

Within the framework of its visit to the UN headquarters, Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic, Guillermo Carmona, held meetings with the President of the General Assembly, Csaba Kőrösi, and with the Assistant Secretary-General for Europe, Central Asia and the Americas of the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs, Miroslav Jenča

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Over 1,500 people ran the "Malvinas Unites Us" marathon on the Atlantic coast

With more than 1,500 runners, the "Malvinas Unites Us" marathon took place at Costa del Este. The activity was organized by the Argentine Foreign Ministry together with the Partido de La Costa, a joint action aimed at promoting sport and active participation by the citizens, building a collective memory and raising awareness on the Argentine sovereign rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the corresponding maritime areas.

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Official mission of Secretary Carmona to Spain: Malvinas Question, Antarctica and fisheries

The Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic held a series of work meetings with the Argentine ambassador to Spain, Ricardo Alfonsín, where they addressed a set of aspects of binational cooperation considered on the Buenos Aires Declaration, signed by presidents Alberto Fernández and Pedro Sánchez in 2021, and on the 2021-2023 Argentina-Spain Strategic Action Plan regarding the Malvinas and Gibraltar Question, Antarctic cooperation and oceanic cooperation.

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Secretary Carmona participated of the 36th Summit of the African Union (AU)

After three years with no face-to-face meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a new edition of the Summit of the African Union (AU) took place in the capital city of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, and the Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic, Guillermo Carmona participated as an observer.

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Secretary Carmona met with the bureau of the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization

Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and the South Atlantic Guillermo Carmona held a meeting with the members of the bureau of the Special Committee on Decolonization (C-24) at the United Nations headquarters. The Argentine government participated as a counterpart in the sovereignty dispute with the United Kingdom over the Question of the Malvinas Islands, one of the 17 non-self-governing territories under the orbit of the Special Committee.

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Agenda

- MARCH 2
  - MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MALVINAS COUNCIL
  - MEETING OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS FEDERAL COUNCIL
- MARCH 12
  - TOUR OF THE ANTARCTIC BASES BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE AREA AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
- MARCH 30
  - PRESENTATION OF THE "MALVINAS 40 YEARS" YEARBOOK

Press

Press highlights from various media outlets:

- télam**: Opinión: Malvinas, una historia de pioneros
- LA CAPITAL**: Cafiero encabezará homenaje a veteranos de Malvinas en Mar del Plata
- crónica**: El Gobierno reafirmó ante la ONU los "derechos argentinos" sobre las Islas Malvinas
- rtve**: Argentina y su reclamo en torno a las Malvinas
- ámbito**: El Frente Amplio rechazó una invitación a las Islas Malvinas en apoyo a Argentina
- eldestape**: Malvinas y los dichos de Jorge Capato: la guerra no otorga derecho
- europapress**: Argentina alerta de que la "provocativa" presencia de tropas alertas de que la "provocativa" presencia de tropas alertas de que la "amenaza" región.
- télam**: Carmona acusó al Reino Unido por la falta de nuevos vuelos a las Malvinas