

# *Malvinas Issue High on CELAC Summit Agenda*

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Buenos Aires, January 22 (RHC)— Argentina is looking forward to the upcoming summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) because the Malvinas Islands issue will be on the agenda.

Argentinian Foreign Minister Hector Timerman said that there will be an overwhelming acknowledgement that the Malvinas Islands are Argentinian and the need for bilateral negotiations, as well as a unanimous rejection of the U.S. blockade on Cuba.

"It is a great satisfaction that the CELAC summit will be held in Cuba; we are sure of its great success. It will show the world that Latin American and Caribbean countries can work together, and it's something historic that had never happened before." said Timerman ahead of the next week's meeting in Havana.

"There are some issues which Argentina is fighting for next to other countries and which will be addressed," pointed out the Argentinian official who underlined that "one of them is the Malvinas Islands, the acknowledgement that the Malvinas are Argentinian and the need for peaceful negotiations."

Timerman said that the second issue to address is "rejection of the U.S. blockade against Cuba, which is unanimously rejected and which also triggers strong reaction from all countries attending the CELAC summit."

Likewise Timerman said that 'nuclear disarmament' and declaring the region 'a zone of peace', as was announced by Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Abelardo Moreno in an interview with the newspaper *Granma*, is high in the agenda.

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