

Argentina will ratify its sovereign right over the Malvinas Islands at the United Nations

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An official statement issued by the Foreign Ministry informed that the entourage will travel to New York to participate in the UN Special Committee on Decolonization, and thus reaffirm "the Argentine right" over

that territory.

The purpose of the delegation is to demand that "the United Kingdom resume negotiations with Argentina to find a peaceful and definitive solution to the sovereignty dispute over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas", according to the text of the governmental entity.

Cafiero will travel accompanied by national and provincial legislators from both the current governing party and the opposition, as well as officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the governor of the province of Tierra del Fuego, Gustavo Melella, and members of civil society.

The delegation will also include the Secretary of Malvinas, Antarctica and South Atlantic, Guillermo Carmona, and the National Director of Malvinas and South Atlantic Islands, Sandra Pitta.

"In this way, the national position on the Malvinas Question is presented before the international community as a State policy that transcends political flags, reaffirming Argentina's legitimate rights over the Malvinas Islands, South Georgia, South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas," the official communiqué stresses.

Argentina confronted the United Kingdom in 1982 to claim sovereignty over the Malvinas Islands, occupied by the British since 1833. The conflict lasted only two months and ended with the surrender of Argentine troops.

Since then, the United Kingdom has maintained its refusal to negotiate with Argentina on the matter, despite calls from the UN and world forums for a peaceful dialogue.

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