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The Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland presents its compliments to the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship and has the honour to refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Republic of Argentina Note No 162/12 of 21 December 2012, concerning the naming of the southern part of the British Antarctic Territory as Queen Elizabeth Land.

The United Kingdom firmly rejects the complaint by the Government of the Argentine Republic concerning the designation of British place-names in the British Antarctic Territory.

The United Kingdom further rejects any claim by the Government of the Argentine Republic to territory in Antarctica.

The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has no doubt about its sovereignty over the British Antarctic Territory and in this context draws attention to Article IV of the Antarctic Treaty, to which both the United Kingdom and Argentina are Parties.

The Embassy of the United Kingdom avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship the assurances of its highest consideration.

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