Falkland Islands (Malvinas)*

Basic facts

Population: Approximately 3,200
Land area: 12,173 km²

Listing as a Non-Self-Governing Territory

The Falkland Islands (Malvinas) has been on the United Nations list of Non-Self-Governing Territories since 1946, following the transmission by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of information under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations.**

See: General Assembly resolution 66 (I) of 14 December 1946

Administering Power

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

United Nations-related action

The General Assembly’s subsidiary organ, the Special Committee on Decolonization (a.k.a. C-24), has been considering the question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) since 1964. Following the C-24’s recommendation, in 1965, the General Assembly adopted resolution 2065 (XX).

The C-24 adopts on an annual basis a resolution devoted to the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

See: C-24 resolution of 11 July 2018 (A/73/23, para. 195)


* A dispute exists between the Governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning sovereignty over the Falkland Islands (Malvinas).

** At the 25th meeting of the Fourth Committee in the 1st session of the General Assembly, held on 6 December 1946, the delegation of Argentina made a reservation to the effect that the Argentine Government did not recognize British sovereignty in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas). The delegation of the United Kingdom made a parallel reservation, not recognizing Argentine sovereignty in these islands.