HYDROCARBON EXPLOITATION IN THE SOUTH-WEST ATLANTIC OCEAN

(ARGENTINA v. UNITED KINGDOM)

PROVISIONAL MEASURES

COVER NOTE TO THE WITNESS STATEMENTS FILED ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

2 November 2026

1. The United Kingdom refers to the Request of the Argentine Republic ("**Argentina**") for provisional measures in Case No. 37, which is due to heard by the Tribunal on 10-11 November 2026.

2. The United Kingdom intends to argue that Argentina is unable to satisfy the requirements for the prescription of provisional measures, and will invite the Tribunal to reject the Request in its entirety.

3. Argentina cannot satisfy the Tribunal that the Annex VII Tribunal has jurisdiction over its claims, even on a *prima facie* basis; the alleged rights are not plausible; there is no risk of irreparable prejudice; and there is no urgency.

4. In respect of the latter two arguments, the United Kingdom has submitted statements from three witnesses of fact: 1) The Honourable Jack Ford MLA, Chair of the Legislative Assembly of the Falkland Islands and Member of its Executive Council; 2) Mr Ian Ramsay, Chief Executive Officer of Navitas Petroleum Development and Production Limited; and 3) Mr Samuel Moody, Chief Executive Officer of Rockhopper Exploration Plc.

5. The United Kingdom's firm position will be that this evidence will be unnecessary for

the Tribunal to consider, given the lack of *prima facie* jurisdiction and the obvious lack of urgency. However, it submits this evidence in the interests of completeness and ensuring that the correct factual picture is before the Tribunal. The United Kingdom will fully elaborate on its legal position at the hearing on 10-11 November 2026.

6. In the meantime, the United Kingdom reserves all its rights in respect of the Request and in relation to the Annex VII arbitration more generally.