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CASE CONCERNING HYDROCARBON EXPLOITATION IN THE SOUTH-WEST ATLANTIC OCEAN (ARGENTINA V. UNITED KINGDOM), PROVISIONAL MEASURES

TRIBUNAL TO DELIVER ITS ORDER ON SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2026, AT NOON

The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will deliver its Order in the *Case concerning hydrocarbon exploitation in the South-West Atlantic Ocean (Argentina* v. *United Kingdom), Provisional Measures* at a public sitting on Saturday, 28 November 2026, at noon. The Order will be read by Judge Maurice Kamga, President of the Tribunal.

The public hearing in the case was held from 10 to 11 November 2026. In its final submissions, the Argentine Republic requested the Tribunal to prescribe the following provisional measures:

(a) the United Kingdom shall take all necessary measures to ensure that no new drilling for exploitation, and no installation of production infrastructure, takes place in the North Malvinas Basin in connection with the project known as “Sea Lion”, whether carried out by the United Kingdom or by any natural or juridical person under its jurisdiction or control;
(b) the United Kingdom refrain from using the information obtained in the exploration of the natural resources of the disputed maritime areas to the detriment of the rights of the Argentine Republic;
(c) the United Kingdom cease preventing the Argentine Republic from complying with its obligation under Articles 192 and 194 of UNCLOS to protect and preserve the marine environment of the maritime areas subject to dispute; and
(d) the United Kingdom refrain from taking any other measure that might aggravate the dispute, in particular the granting of new authorizations for the exploitation of the resources of the disputed continental shelf.

The United Kingdom, in its final submissions, invited the Tribunal to reject all the requests by the Argentine Republic for the prescription of provisional measures.

Attending the reading of the Order

The Order will be read in the main courtroom of the Tribunal and the sitting is open to the public. Members of the diplomatic and consular corps, the general public

and representatives of the media wishing to attend the sitting are requested to register with the Press Office by noon on Thursday, 26 November 2026.

The reading of the Order will be broadcast live on the website. The text of the Order will be made available on the website of the Tribunal shortly after its delivery and a recorded webcast of the reading will be made available under Webcast Archives after the close of the sitting.

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