Country/entity	Argentina United Kingdom
Region	Americas Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Joint Declaration on Cooperation over Offshore Activities in the South West Atlantic
Date	27 Sep 1995
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/interstate conflict

Falklands War (1982)

The Falklands War was a manifestation of the Falklands Islands sovereignty dispute going back to the 16th Century. The Islands have been a British Crown Colony since 1841. The 10-week war began when Argentina seized the South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands eventually taking the Falklands on April 2. The British hastily sent a taskforce in response and defeated the Argentine military on June 14. Neither side officially declared war during the incident, but both accepted that the area was in a 'state of war'. The Argentine surrender spurred popular demonstrations against the military junta there. Causalities included 255 British soldiers, 649 Argentine soldiers and 3 civilians. Argentina continues to claim sovereignty over the islands, although the majority of Falkland Islanders – the descendants of British settlers from the 19th Century – are overwhelmingly, at 99.8% in a 2013 referendum, in support of continued status of remaining a British Overseas Territory.
Close
Falklands War (1982)

Stage	Framework/substantive - comprehensive
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Argentina-UK: Falklands process
Parties	[Signed by The Right Honourable Malcolm Rifkind MP for Britain and His.Excellency Dr. Guido Di Tella for the Argentine Republic]
Third parties	-
Description	Joint declaration regarding cooperation between the two governments in order to encourage offshore activities; side letters by the British Government, the Argentine Government and the Falkland Islands Government.

Agreement document	AR UK_950927_ Joint Declaration on Cooperation Over Offshore Activities in the South West Atlantic_.pdf (opens in new tab) | Download PDF

Groups

Children/youth	No specific mention.
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	No specific mention.
Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	No specific mention.
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	No specific mention.
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

State definition

Nature of state (general)	Page 1, 1: (1) Nothing in the content of the present Joint Declaration or of any similar subsequent Joint Statements and meetings shall be interpreted as: (a) a change in the position of the United Kingdom with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. (b) a change in the position of the Argentine Republic with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. (c) recognition of or support for the position of the United Kingdom or the Argentine Republic with regard to sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. (2) No act or activity carried out by the United Kingdom, the Argentine Republic or third parties as a consequence and in implementation of anything agreed to in the present Joint Declaration or in any similar subsequent Joint Statements and meetings shall constitute a basis for affirming, supporting, or denying the position of the United Kingdom or the Argentine Republic regarding the sovereignty or territorial and maritime jurisdiction over the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas. The areas subject to the controversy on sovereignty and jurisdiction will not be extended in any way as a consequence of this Joint Declaration or its implementation.
State configuration	No specific mention.
Self determination	No specific mention.
Referendum	No specific mention.
State symbols	No specific mention.
Independence/ secession	No specific mention.
Accession/ unification	No specific mention.

Border delimitation Page 3, Special Area
The Area is bounded by line of the type described in Column 2 joining the points defined to the
nearest minute
of arc by coordinates of latitude and longitude on WGS 72 Datum specified
in Column 1.

Column 1 Coordinates of Latitude and Longitude, Column 2
Line Type

1. 52° 00'S, 63° 36'W 1 - 2 meridian
2. 53° 10'S, 63° 36'W 2 - 3 parallel of latitude
3. 53° 10'S, 62° 48'W 3 - 4 meridian
4. 53° 25'S, 62° 48'W 4 - 5 parallel of latitude
5. 53° 25'S, 61° 48'W 5 - 6 meridian
6. 53° 40'S, 61° 48'W 6 - 7 parallel of latitude
7. 53° 40'S, 61° 00'W 7 - 8 meridian
8. 53° 00'S, 61° 00'W 8 - 9 parallel of latitude
9. 53° 00'S, 62° 00'W 9 - 10 meridian
10. 52° 30'S, 62° 00'W 10 - 11 parallel of latitude
11. 52° 30'S, 62° 36'W 11 - 12 meridian
12. 52° 00'S, 62° 36'W 12 - 13 parallel
13. 52° 00'S, 63° 36'W

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed)	No specific mention.
Elections	No specific mention.
Electoral commission	No specific mention.
Political parties reform	No specific mention.
Civil society	No specific mention.
Traditional/ religious leaders	No specific mention.
Public administration	No specific mention.
Constitution	No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing	No specific mention.
Territorial power sharing	No specific mention.
Economic power sharing	No specific mention.
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.

Civil and political rights	No specific mention.
Socio-economic rights	No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship	No specific mention.
Democracy	No specific mention.
Detention procedures	No specific mention.
Media and communication	No specific mention.
Mobility/access	No specific mention.
Protection measures	Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other Page 2, 4. The Commission will have the following functions: (a) to submit to both Government recommendations and proposed standards for the protection of the marine environment of the South West Atlantic, taking into account relevant international conventions and recommendations of competent international organisations.
Other	No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI	No specific mention.
Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
Traditional Laws	No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
National economic plan	No specific mention.

Natural resources

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(ii) seeking nominations from companies for each tranche, to be offered upon terms appropriate for a challenging environment;
(iii) making recommendations on proposals made to the two Governments by companies for development projects in each tranche, including the limits of the tranches;
(iv) seeking close coordination in regard to all aspects of future operations, including the overall level of fees, royalties, charges and taxes, the harmonisation of timing, commercial terms and conditions, and compliance with the recommended standards;
(v) recommending on the basis of geological data known to both sides, additional tranches either within the sedimentary structure referred to in the Annex or in a further area to be agreed by the Governments on the recommendation of the Commission;
(c) to promote the exploration for and exploitation of hydrocarbons in maritime areas of the South West Atlantic subject to a controversy on sovereignty and jurisdiction, and to this end:
(i) to promote cooperation between industry on both sides, including the formation of joint ventures and the elaboration of joint projects for exploration, production and use of infrastructure;
(ii) to receive from both sides and from operating companies the available information on scientific research, development of activities and commercial operations relating to the seabed, whilst respecting commercial confidentiality;
(iii) to propose to both Governments coordinated research work by commercial undertakings;
(iv) to submit to both Governments recommendations for standards for offshore activities in safety, health and monitoring;
Both Governments will take the appropriate measures in order to ensure that the companies will keep the Commission informed on the development of their activities;
(d) on the basis of geological data known to both sides, to propose to the two Governments at the appropriate time further areas of special cooperation, on terms similar to those contained in paragraph 4(b) above;
(e) to consider and submit recommendations to the two Governments on any related matter which may arise in the future, including the possible need to agree on the unitisation of any discoveries in accordance with good oil field practice, on pipeline operations and on the efficient use of infrastructure.

International funds No specific mention.

Business

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Taxation	Socio-economic reconstruction→Taxation→Reform of taxation Page 2, 4 (b): [...] (iv) seeking close coordination in regard to all aspects of future operations, including the overall level of fees, royalties, charges and taxes, the harmonisation of timing, commercial terms and conditions, and compliance with the recommended standards; [...]
Banks	No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/rights	No specific mention.
Pastoralist/ nomadism rights	No specific mention.
Cultural heritage	No specific mention.
Environment	Page 1, 4: The Commission will have the following functions: (a) to submit to both Government recommendations and proposed standards for the protection of the marine environment of the South West Atlantic, taking into account relevant international conventions and recommendations of competent international organisations.
Water or riparian rights or access	No specific mention.

Security sector

Security Guarantees	No specific mention.
Ceasefire	No specific mention.
Police	No specific mention.
Armed forces	No specific mention.
DDR	No specific mention.
Intelligence services	No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces	No specific mention.
Withdrawal of foreign forces	No specific mention.
Corruption	No specific mention.
Crime/organised crime	No specific mention.
Drugs	No specific mention.
Terrorism	No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional justice general	No specific mention.
Amnesty/pardon	No specific mention.
Courts	No specific mention.
Mechanism	No specific mention.
Prisoner release	No specific mention.
Vetting	No specific mention.
Victims	No specific mention.
Missing persons	No specific mention.
Reparations	No specific mention.
Reconciliation	No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory	No specific mention.
Other international signatory	No specific mention.
Referendum for agreement	No specific mention.
International mission/force/ similar	No specific mention.
Enforcement mechanism	No specific mention.