

**Question for written answer E-001140/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Trade relations between the EU and the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

The EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement does not include British Overseas Territories, some of which are the subject of disputes over sovereignty with EU partner countries. One example is the situation in the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) where there is a sovereignty dispute between the UK, which governs the islands, and Argentina, which demands the return of the territory so as to exercise effective sovereignty over it. This dispute is recognised by the United Nations, which considers the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) as a territory pending definition¹

In light of the above,

1. Given the exclusion of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) from the Withdrawal Agreement², is the Commission maintaining a dialogue with the de facto government of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and with the United Kingdom?
2. Has the Commission initiated or considered initiating a dialogue with the UK towards the possible negotiation of a trade agreement with the EU concerning such territories, which have been excluded from the Withdrawal Agreement, with more favourable commercial terms?
3. Will the Commission call for bilateral negotiations between the UK and Argentina to be resumed as a condition for establishing a process of dialogue and trade negotiations with the territory in dispute³?

¹ <https://www.un.org/dppa/decolonization/en/nsqt/falkland-islands-malvinas>

² <https://www.euronews.com/2021/01/11/falkland-islands-back-in-spotlight-after-exclusion-from-brexit-deal>

³ In accordance with Resolution 2065 (XX) of the General Assembly of the United Nations