

The Ministry of Foreign Relations,
Commercial International and Cultural

[Translation of the Balch Argentine Approval]

The Ministry of Foreign Relations, Commercial International and Cultural of the Republic of Argentina- Legal Concierge – presents attentive salutations to the Argentine Embassy of the United States of American, and reference to the Verbal Note Number 594 (June 25 2008) from this Embassy, relative to the scientific investigative activities that the Roger Revelle, private ship under US flag, prepared to realize in water subject to the sovereign and national justification from 30 November 2008 to 12 January 2009.

After consulting with the competent Argentina authorities, this Ministry communicates that accordance with legislation of our country and the Articles 245 & 246 of UNCLOS, it authorizes the referred activity, in the terms indicated in the request and in the following elements:

a) It appreciates the offer from the investigator’s US institution to embark Argentine scientific observers aboard the ship – an offer compatible with Argentine legislation and article 249 1 a) of the UNCLOS. With respect, the National Institute of Investigation and Fisheries Development (INIDEP) and the National commission on Limits of the Continental Shelf (COPLA) have expressed interest in embarking observers on the ship. You permit embarkation of Navy Captain Juan Ignacio de Abelleira from COPLA, DNI 4. 630.184, his telephone contact is (54) 011 43 2240 and (54) 011 4819 7612 (Sra. Andrea Galassi). Form INIDP, you should permit two observers. To finalize the logistics, you should contact directly Director Nacional de Investigación del INIDEP, Dr. Otto Wholer, with telephones contacts at (54) 0223 486 2586 and 54 (02223) 451 7442.

b) Conforming with Argentine legislation and article 249 1 b) and c) of the UNCLOS, it is requested that as soon as the activities of the scientific investigation are concluded and before any publication as stated in 9.3. 9.4 of the application, you delivery to this Ministry your post cruise results, with dates, samples, as well as final report.

c) It is required, as part of Article 249, paragraph 2 of UNCLOS, that we receive any international results of this investigative project o the importance directly for the exploration and exploitation of the natural resources.,

d) Finally, it brings to attention the need in the future, we request that authorization petitions be done with a minimum of six month as described in article 248 of UNCLOS.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations ... gives the Argentina Embassy of the United Sates its most distinguish consideration.

