

We've received clearance for the Revelle. See attached document and translation.

They request space for an observer: Walter Reynoso Peralta.

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R/V Roger Revelle Marine Research Clearance Approved by Argentina for February 27 – March 4, 2009.

1. The Embassy has received approval for the research voyage of the Roger Revelle, from Feb 27 – March 4, 2009. The GOA's Diplomatic Note number 2076/08 dated February 23, 2009, grants permission as requested in the Embassy's Diplomatic Note No 88, for the vessel campaign. (Note the State Department File Number for this request is 2008-113.)

2. Begin informal translation.

According to that set forth in Arts 245 and 246 of the United Nations Convention on Law of the Seas (CONVEMAR) – of which Argentina is a party – the vessel is authorized to carry out the activities described, according to the terms in the clearance request, taking into account the following:

1. In accordance with applicable Argentine legislation and Art. and Art 249 1b) and c) of CONVEMAR, the Ministry requests that the data and samples obtained as well as the preliminary and final reports and conclusions be sent to the Ministry for delivery to the corresponding Argentine institutions. This action will be taken as soon as the scientific marine research activities have been concluded and prior to the publication of data in specialized journals or in the page referred to in paragraph 9.3 and 9.4 of the request for authorization.

b) the Ministry would like to make reference to Art 249, paragraph 2 of CONVEMAR, which requires coastal state approval of prior to the international distribution of the research data directly related to the exploration and exploitation of natural resources.

c) Finally, the Ministry would like to highlight the need to submit the marine scientific research requests such as the present, with at least six months notice as set forth in CONVEMAR Art 248.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of the Argentine Republic – Office of Legal Affairs – renews to the Embassy of the United States in Argentina, its assurances of highest consideration. End informal translation.