would be the UK. The British Government, however, does not offer us or its other Overseas Territories the possibility offree association.

The third option is integrating with an independent state. Again our choices would be the UK and Argentina. Again, the wishes ofthe people of the Falkland Islands would be the UK, but again, the British Government does not offer us this possibility.

We are happy with the status quo, and do not like being told by others what to do. During the course ofthis seminar we have heard how important this committee rates the right of self-determination. I know in the past many of you (who share a common Spanish heritage with Argentina) have supported Argentina in their claim to our Islands.

But the people of the Falkland Islands have a right to self-determination. This is enshrined in the UN Charter. We do not want to be a part of Argentina. It is our right to choose how we wish to govern ourselves.

I believe this committee should be looking to safeguard the rights ofsmall territories and continue to fight for these peoples' rights to self-determination. The Falkland Islands are currently not ready for independence, but we do express our right of self-determination. With almost all ofthe people of the Falkland Islands wishing to remain and enjoy our British Overseas Territory status it is quite clear where we stand on this issue.

Thank you for your time today.