



# Government of Antarctica

The Regent Office

To the General Secretary of the United Nations  
United Nations  
New York, NY  
United States of America

Protocol 1-07  
Antarctica, October 1st, 2007

H.E. the General Secretary of the United Nations

Greetings:

We, Sir Giovanni Caporaso Gottlieb, Grand Master of the Sovereign Order of Antarctica, CLAIM jus gentium, erga omnes, and also, based on the right to self-determination granted by the UN Charter, the lands and the waters from the South Pole to 60° S latitude between longitudes 90° W and 135° W of the Antarctic Continent, that have been in the possession of my family and the Order since 1820, when my ancestor Fabian Gottlieb discovered the Antarctic Continent and received the possession of those lands and waters by the Tsar Alexander I.

To avoid disputes We formally renounce to the land and waters that are occupied by other Nations or that have been claimed by other Nations

Legal ground:

1. Jus gentium, erga omnes
2. The right to self-determination of peoples is recognized in many international and regional instruments, including the Declaration of Principles of International Law

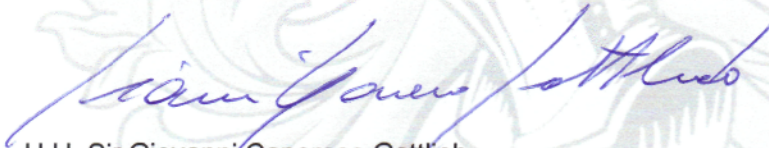




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Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation Among States adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1970; the Helsinki Final Act adopted by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) in 1975; the African Charter of Human and Peoples' Rights of 1981; the CSCE Charter of Paris for a New Europe adopted in 1990; and the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action of 1993. 6, It has been affirmed by the International Court of Justice in the Namibia case 7, the Western Sahara case 8, and finally the East Timor case 9, in which its erga omnes character was also confirmed.



H.H. Sir Giovanni Caporaso Gottlieb

Regent of Antarctica and Grand Master of the Sovereign Order of Antarctica  
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