



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION  
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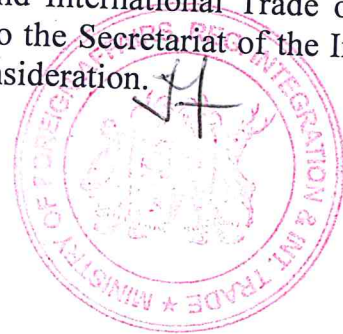
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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and has the honour to forward herewith two (2) statements by the Republic of Mauritius, on agenda item 6 of the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission Scientific Committee to be held from 5 to 9 December 2022 in Eden Bleu, Seychelles.

The Republic of Mauritius would be grateful if these statements could be annexed to the report of the Committee and posted on the IOTC's website.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**25<sup>th</sup> Session of IOTC Scientific Committee**  
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**Agenda Item 6: National Reports from CPCs**

**Statement by the Republic of Mauritius**

**National Report submitted by France**

The Republic of Mauritius wishes to point out that the Island of Tromelin is not a French territory, as claimed by France in its National Report.

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates that the Island of Tromelin forms an integral part of its territory and rejects France's sovereignty claim over that island as well as France's claim to any sovereign right or jurisdiction over the Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to that island.

Moreover, the Republic of Mauritius does not recognize the validity of the inclusion of the Island of Tromelin in the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF) or the Scattered Islands/Iles Eparses.

The Republic of Mauritius reaffirms that it has full and complete sovereignty over the Island of Tromelin, including its maritime zones.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

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**National Report submitted by the United Kingdom**

The Republic of Mauritius will not repeat its position on the issues raised in the National Report submitted by the United Kingdom since that position is well known to this Committee.

The Republic of Mauritius would like to take this opportunity to inform this Committee that the Republic of Mauritius and the United Kingdom have decided to begin negotiations on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.

However, the Republic of Mauritius wishes to point out that its position on the issues raised in the National Report of the United Kingdom remains unchanged.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.