

11th Meeting of IOTC Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria
30 January-2 February 2023, Mombasa, Kenya

Agenda Item 2: Letter of Credentials and Admission of Observers

Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The long-standing position of the Republic of Mauritius as regards the United Kingdom's purported membership of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) as a "coastal State situated wholly or partly within the Area [of competence of the Commission]" remains unchanged. This is all the more relevant in the context of the decision which the Commission will be taking during its 27th Session in that regard.

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.

This statement also applies to other agenda items and to all documents circulated for this meeting.

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