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'The UK and Mauritius are engaged in constructive negotiations on the exercise of sovereignty of the British Indian Ocean Territory / Chagos Archipelago. These negotiations are continuing.

This is not the appropriate forum or time for a discussion about the UK's coastal State status in the IOTC. To discuss that here would prejudge the outcome of bilateral negotiations which our governments are engaged in.

We look forward to discussing the many important issues on the Compliance Committee agenda and continuing the cooperation that the UK has with CPCs in these areas.

I would be grateful if this statement could be recorded in the meeting report.'

Kind regards,

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