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Dear IOTC Executive Secretary,

UPDATE ON AGENDA ITEM 5, 28TH SESSION OF THE IOTC

Further to my previous contact, I am writing to provide an update on the above.

At the May 2023 IOTC Annual Session, the United Kingdom committed to clarifying the status of its IOTC membership before the end of the year. This was made in good faith and to align with an expected conclusion of the negotiations between the UK and Mauritius on the exercise of sovereignty over the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT)/ Chagos Archipelago.

Talks between the UK and Mauritius are ongoing. The UK remains committed to providing clarification on its membership status at the earliest opportunity once negotiations have concluded.

Ahead of the 28th Session of the IOTC I would be grateful if you could kindly circulate this letter to the members of the Commission for their information.

Yours sincerely,

Jess Keedy
UK Delegate to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission