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REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION  
AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

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Dear IOTC Executive Secretary,

**UPDATE ON AGENDA ITEM 5, 29<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE IOTC**

At the May 2024 IOTC Annual Session, the United Kingdom committed to provide clarification of its membership status at the earliest opportunity following the conclusion of negotiations between the United Kingdom and Mauritius on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.

The UK and Mauritius have made good progress in these negotiations and both sides have stated their shared commitment to finalise an agreement quickly.

In these circumstances, the UK and Mauritius request that consideration of agenda item 5 be deferred to the 30th Session of the IOTC.

Ahead of the 29th Annual Session of the IOTC, the UK and Mauritius would be grateful if you could kindly circulate this letter to the members of the Commission.

Your sincerely,

Mr. Marc Owen

Ambassador J. Bissoondoyal

**UK and Mauritian Delegates to the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission**