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REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY, FOOD
SECURITY, BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES

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Dear IOTC Executive Secretary,

UPDATE ON AGENDA ITEM 5, 30TH SESSION OF THE IOTC

Please refer to the joint letter issued by the United Kingdom and Mauritius on 9 April 2025, providing an update on negotiations between the two States on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago and requesting the 29th Session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) to defer consideration of agenda item 5 to the 30th Session of the IOTC.

On 22 May 2025, the United Kingdom and Mauritius signed an Agreement concerning the Chagos Archipelago including Diego Garcia. Since then, both countries have made good progress towards completing the necessary internal steps required to ratify the Agreement. This process is however not yet complete, and the Agreement has not yet entered into force.

In these circumstances, the United Kingdom and Mauritius request that consideration of agenda item 5 be deferred to the 31st Session of the IOTC.

Ahead of the 30th Annual Session of the IOTC, the United Kingdom and Mauritius would be grateful if you could kindly circulate this letter to the members of the Commission.

Your sincerely,

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**United Kingdom and Mauritian Delegates to the Indian Ocean Tuna
Commission**