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**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**  
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

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Executive Secretary,

I refer to agenda item 5 of the upcoming 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission.

The Maldives is following the discussions regarding the Chagos Archipelago (Foalhavahi) and underscores the Maldives' legitimate interest in the future status and governance of the Chagos Archipelago (Foalhavahi).

In this context, the Maldives does not view it appropriate for related issues to be discussed within the auspices of the IOTC.



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