



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) and has the honour to refer to the 17th meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC17) which will be held on 13-14 October 2026 and to request that the herewith attached statements by Mauritius under agenda items 2 and 3 be annexed to the report of the meeting and be posted on the IOTC website.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.

Port Louis, 9 October 2026



**Secretariat of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Victoria
SEYCHELLES**

17th Meeting of IOTC Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria
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Agenda Item 2: Letters of Credentials and Admission of Observers

Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates the statement which it had made under agenda item 3 at the 10th meeting of the Technical Committee held from 20 to 23 June 2022 in Seychelles and which is annexed to the report of that meeting (Document IOTC-2022-TCAC10-R[E], Appendix 4).

The long-standing position of the Republic of Mauritius as regards the United Kingdom's purported membership of the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission as a "coastal State situated wholly or partly within the Area [of competence of the Commission]" remains unchanged.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.

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Agenda Item 3: Adoption of the Agenda and Arrangements for the Session

Statement by the Republic of Mauritius

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates the statements which it had made with regard to the Chagos Archipelago and the Island of Tromelin under agenda item 6 at the 10th meeting of the Technical Committee held from 20 to 23 June 2022 in Seychelles and which are annexed to the report of that meeting (Document IOTC-2022-TCAC10-R[E], Appendix 4).

The Republic of Mauritius also reaffirms that since the Chagos Archipelago and the Island of Tromelin form an integral part of its territory, no State other than the Republic of Mauritius can be granted any allocations in respect of the Chagos Archipelago and the Island of Tromelin.

The Republic of Mauritius requests that this statement be annexed to the report of this meeting.