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 29th Session of the Scientific Committee of the IOTC which will be held from 30 November to 4 December 2026 in San Sebastian, Spain, and to request that the herewith attached statements by Mauritius under agenda item 6 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, 27 November 2026**

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

**29th Session of IOTC Scientific Committee**
**30 November-4 December 2026, San Sabastian, Spain**

**Agenda Item 6: National Reports from CPCs**

**Statement by the Republic of Mauritius**

**National Report submitted by France**

The Republic of Mauritius wishes to point out that the Island of Tromelin is not a French territory, as claimed by France in its National Report.

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates that the Island of Tromelin forms an integral part of its territory and rejects France's sovereignty claim over that island as well as France's claim to any sovereign right or jurisdiction over the Exclusive Economic Zone adjacent to that island.

Moreover, the Republic of Mauritius does not recognize the validity of the inclusion of the Island of Tromelin in the French Southern and Antarctic Lands (TAAF) or the Scattered Islands/Iles Eparses.

The Republic of Mauritius reaffirms that it has full and complete sovereignty over the Island of Tromelin, including its maritime zones.

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

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**National Report submitted by the United Kingdom**

The Republic of Mauritius will not repeat its position on the issues raised in the National Report submitted by the United Kingdom since that position is well known to this Committee.

The Republic of Mauritius wishes to point out that its position with regard to the purported membership of the United Kingdom in the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission as a coastal State and on the issues raised in the National Report of the United Kingdom, as set out in the statements it had made under agenda items 2 and 6 of the 24th Session of the Scientific Committee held on from 6 to 10 December 2021 and which are annexed to the report of that meeting (Document IOTC-2021-SC24-R[E]_Rev1, Appendix 4A), remains unchanged.

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