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The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to convey the following:

France notes that, on 9 April 2024 and 26 March 2025, the Government of the Republic of Mauritius deposited with the Secretariat lists of geographical coordinates, a map entitled "EEZ Outer Limit Line" and a chart entitled "Tromelin: Basepoints", scale 1/12,500; Datum WGS 84, January 2007.

France recalls its note verbale of 30 July 2009, concerning the deposit by the Republic of Mauritius of a list of coordinates and a chart of the island of Tromelin. It believes that this deposit, which suggests that Mauritius exercises sovereignty over the island of Tromelin, is incompatible with the French territorial status which this island has had since 1722, and does not recognize the deposit as having any legal effect.

France adds that:

- it has full and complete sovereignty over the island of Tromelin;
- an economic zone of 200 nautical miles was established off the coast of the island of Tromelin on 3 February 1978 and a list of geographical coordinates specifying the outer limit lines of that zone was deposited pursuant to article 75, paragraph 2, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea;
- accordingly, it believes that no other State is entitled to claim the maritime areas adjacent to the island of Tromelin.

The Government of the French Republic requests the Secretary-General to register this declaration and to publish it in the next issue of the *Law of the Sea Bulletin*, in the *Law of the Sea Information Circular* and in any other relevant United Nations publication.

The Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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