



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's communication No. CLCS.53.2010.LOS (Continental Shelf Notification) dated 28 July 2010 relating to the submission made by the Republic of Maldives to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and to Note No. 171/10 dated 9 August 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland addressed to the UN Secretary-General regarding that submission.

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius reiterates its sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, which forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius under both Mauritian law and international law. In this context, pursuant to the decision contained in document SPLOS/183 entitled "Decision regarding the workload of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf and the ability of States, particularly developing States, to fulfil the requirements of article 4 of Annex II to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as well as the decision contained in SPLOS/72, paragraph (a)", the Republic of Mauritius has submitted to the United Nations Secretary-General Preliminary Information Concerning the Extended Continental Shelf in the Chagos Archipelago region on 6 May 2009.

The Republic of Mauritius further affirms that the Chagos Archipelago was illegally excised by the United Kingdom from the territory of Mauritius prior to its independence in violation of UN General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965 and that it does not recognize the so-called "British Indian Ocean Territory".

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius therefore requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to disregard Note No: 171/10 dated 9 August 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius further wishes to inform the UN Secretary-General that it will make its own observations on the submission made by the Republic of Maldives in due course.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations requests that this Note Verbale be circulated to all Members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, all States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea as well as Members of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

**Secretary-General of
the United Nations
New York**

