# INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA TRIBUNAL INTERNATIONAL DU DROIT DE LA MER



#### **YEAR 2019**

10 October 2019

## DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND MALDIVES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

(MAURITIUS/MALDIVES)

## **ORDER**

The President of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea formed to deal with the above-mentioned case under article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal (hereinafter "the Statute"),

Having regard to article 27 of the Statute,

Having regard to articles 31, 45, 46, 59, 61, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Order of the Tribunal of 27 September 2019,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, pursuant to the request of the Republic of Mauritius (hereinafter "Mauritius") and the Republic of Maldives (hereinafter "Maldives"), the Tribunal,

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by its Order dated 27 September 2019, formed a special chamber of nine judges to deal with the above-mentioned case, and declared the Special Chamber to have been duly constituted;

- 2. Whereas, in the said Order, the Tribunal reserved the subsequent procedure for further decision by the Special Chamber;
- 3. Whereas telephone consultations were held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 8 October 2019 to ascertain the views of the Parties with regard to questions of procedure in respect of the case;
- 4. Whereas, during these consultations, the Agent of Mauritius and the Agent of Maldives agreed that the written proceedings shall consist of a Memorial presented by Mauritius and a Counter-Memorial presented by Maldives and that the filing of further written pleadings should be decided at a later stage;

### THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

*Fixes* the following time-limits for the filing of the Memorial and Counter-Memorial:

- 9 April 2020 for the Memorial of Mauritius;
- 9 October 2020 for the Counter-Memorial of Maldives;

and

Reserves the subsequent procedure for further decision.

Done in English and in French, both texts being equally authoritative, in the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, this tenth day of October, two thousand and nineteen, in three copies, one of which will be placed in the archives of the Tribunal

and the others transmitted to the Government of Mauritius and to the Government of Maldives, respectively.

Jin-Hyun PAIK,
President of the Special Chamber

Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE Registrar