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THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

v.

THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Hearing on Jurisdiction and the Merits Held in Istanbul, Turkey**THE HAGUE, 16 May 2014**

The Arbitral Tribunal constituted in the arbitration between the Republic of Mauritius and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland pursuant to Article 287 and Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (the "Convention") conducted a hearing from 22 April to 9 May 2014 on the Tribunal's jurisdiction to consider the claims brought by Mauritius and on the merits of those claims.

These arbitral proceedings were initiated on 20 December 2010 by the Republic of Mauritius and concern the establishment by the United Kingdom of a Marine Protected Area around the Chagos Archipelago.

The Tribunal in this matter is composed of Professor Ivan Shearer, Judge Sir Christopher Greenwood CMG QC, Judge Albert Hoffmann, Judge James Kateka and Judge Rüdiger Wolfrum. Professor Ivan Shearer serves as President of the Arbitral Tribunal. The Permanent Court of Arbitration acts as Registry in this arbitration. Pursuant to the agreement of the Parties, the hearing was held in Istanbul, Turkey.

Further information about the case, including the Parties' full written submissions, is available on the website of the Permanent Court of Arbitration at http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1429

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