

LIST OF QUESTIONS

To both Parties:

1. Both Parties maintain that an area beyond 200 nautical miles from their respective coastal baselines is part of the continental shelf under article 76 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (“the Convention”) and accordingly outside the adjacent “Area” to which reference is made in articles 1, paragraph 1(1), 134, 136, 137 and 311, paragraph 6, of the Convention. That position is set out in their respective submissions to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (“CLCS”). Taking into account article 76, paragraph 8, and article 8 of Annex II to the Convention, what would be the consequence if the CLCS takes a different position on the entitlements of the Parties in its recommendations?

2. Can the Parties elaborate on their positions with respect to the question whether the Maldives’ entitlement to the continental shelf beyond 200 nautical miles from its baseline can be extended into the 200 nautical miles limit of Mauritius, as indicated in Figure 29 of the Maldives’ Counter-Memorial and Figure 6 of the Maldives’ Rejoinder? To what extent is the statement relating to the rectification of its submission to the CLCS made by the Maldives to Mauritius in the “First meeting on maritime delimitation and submission regarding the extended continental shelf between the Republic of Maldives and Republic of Mauritius” of 21 October 2010 relevant in this regard?

3. Can the Parties clarify whether the three points for Mauritius’ archipelagic baselines (C83, C84 and C85; see Figure R2.4 of Mauritius’ Reply and Figure 5 of the Maldives’ Rejoinder) are the outermost points of drying reefs which are situated wholly or partly at a distance not exceeding 12 nautical miles from Île Takamaka? Do the provisions of article 13, paragraph 1, second sentence, and article 47, paragraph 4, of the Convention permit the use of basepoints on Blenheim Reef that are beyond 12 nautical miles from Île Takamaka?

4. Can the Parties provide the following documents?

The Maldives: Main Body and supporting scientific and technical data of the Submission made by the Maldives to the CLCS on 26 July 2010

Mauritius: Supporting scientific and technical data of the Submission made by Mauritius to the CLCS in April 2022