

QUESTIONS TO THE PARTIES

1. What were the legal considerations of the Parties in holding the first meeting on maritime delimitation and submission regarding the extended continental shelf of 21 October 2010 and in agreeing to “make bilateral arrangements on the overlapping area of extended continental shelf of the two States around the Chagos Archipelago” in the joint communiqué of 12 March 2011?

2. According to the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice of 25 February 2019, “all Member States are under an obligation to co-operate with the United Nations in order to complete the decolonization of Mauritius.” This obligation is further explained in paragraph 180 of the Advisory Opinion. Is this obligation relevant to the present case and, if so, how?

3. If delimitation were deferred for reasons indicated in the preliminary objections, what would be the obligations of the Parties under paragraph 3 of articles 74 and 83 of the Convention? Would there be jurisdiction with respect to those obligations?