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**THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND THE REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES SUBMIT
THEIR DISPUTE CONCERNING THE DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME
BOUNDARY IN THE INDIAN OCEAN TO A SPECIAL CHAMBER
OF THE TRIBUNAL**

On 24 September 2019, the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Maldives transmitted a special agreement and notification to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea to submit their dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary in the Indian Ocean to a special chamber of the Tribunal to be constituted pursuant to article 15, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Tribunal.

By Order of 27 September 2019, a special chamber of the Tribunal was formed to deal with the dispute. The Special Chamber consists of President Paik (Republic of Korea), Judges Jesus (Cabo Verde), Cot (France), Yanai (Japan), Bouguetaia (Algeria), Heidar (Iceland) and Chadha (India), and two judges *ad hoc*. Mauritius will make its choice of judge *ad hoc* in due course. Mr Bernard Oxman has been chosen by Maldives as judge *ad hoc*. President Paik serves as President of the Special Chamber.

The Parties agreed to transfer the arbitral proceedings instituted on 18 June 2019 by Mauritius under Annex VII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to a special chamber of the Tribunal during consultations with President Paik, held at the Tribunal on 17 September 2019.

The Order is available on the Tribunal's website. The case has been entered in the List of cases as No. 28.

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