

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



YEAR 2021

15 December 2021

**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, 97, 107 and 109 of the Rules of the Tribunal,

Having regard to the Orders of the President of the Special Chamber of 10 October 2019 and 3 February 2021,

*Makes the following Order:*

1. Whereas, as stated in the Order of the President of the Special Chamber dated 10 October 2019, during telephone consultations held by the President of the Special Chamber with the representatives of the Parties on 8 October 2019, the Agent of Mauritius and the Agent of the Maldives agreed that the written proceedings

should consist of a Memorial presented by Mauritius and a Counter-Memorial presented by the Maldives and that the filing of further written pleadings should be decided at a later stage;

2. Whereas, pursuant to the Order dated 3 February 2021, the President of the Special Chamber fixed 25 May and 25 November 2021 as the time-limits for the filing, respectively, of the Memorial of Mauritius and the Counter-Memorial of the Maldives; and whereas the Memorial and the Counter-Memorial were filed within the prescribed time-limits;

3. Whereas, in communications dated 7 and 10 December 2021, respectively, the Agent of Mauritius and the Agent of the Maldives expressed the view that a second round of written pleadings was necessary; and whereas, with regard to the time-limits for the filing of a reply and a rejoinder, the Agent of Mauritius stated that the time-limit should be four months and the Agent of the Maldives stated that the time-limit should be no more than four months;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER,

Taking into account the agreement of the Parties,

*Authorizes* the submission of a Reply by Mauritius and a Rejoinder by the Maldives;

*Fixes* the following time-limits for the filing of the Reply and the Rejoinder:

14 April 2022, 12 noon (Hamburg time), for the Reply of Mauritius;

15 August 2022, 12 noon (Hamburg time), for the Rejoinder of the 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 fifteenth day of December, two thousand and twenty-one, 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 the Maldives, respectively.



Jin-Hyun PAIK,  
President of the Special Chamber



Ximena HINRICHS OYARCE,  
Registrar

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