



JOINT LETTER

DEPOSIT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

TREATY CONCERNING THE JOINT EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS
OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE MASCARENE PLATEAU
REGION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
SEYCHELLES AT CLARISSE HOUSE,
VACOAS IN MAURITIUS ON 13 MARCH 2012

AND

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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES AT CLARISSE
HOUSE, VACOAS IN MAURITIUS ON 13 MARCH 2012

His Excellency, Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
2 United Nations Plaza,
New York, NY 10017
United States of America

Dear Secretary-General,

We, President of the Republic of Seychelles and Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, present our compliments to you and have the honour to inform you that:

- (a) Pursuant to the adoption by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf on 30 March 2011 of the "Recommendations of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in regard to the joint

submission made by Mauritius and Seychelles concerning the Mascarene Plateau region on 1 December 2008" (CLCS/70);

- (b) **Having Acknowledged** the existence of an overlapping area between the continental shelf extending beyond the Exclusive Economic Zone boundary of our respective countries in the said Mascarene Plateau region; and
- (c) **In Accordance** with the provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 to which both the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles are parties, and in particular its Article 83 which provides for the delimitation of the Continental Shelf between States with opposite or adjacent coasts to be effected by agreement on the basis of international law in order to achieve an equitable solution,

the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius have signed the "Treaty concerning the Joint Exercise of Sovereign Rights over the Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region" and the "Treaty concerning the Joint Management of the Continental Shelf in the Mascarene Plateau Region" at Clarisse House, Vacoas in Mauritius on 13 March 2012; and have each completed the domestic legal procedures for the entry into force of the said Treaties. The Treaties have entered into force today, 18 June 2012.

In view thereof, we have the further honour to deposit with the United Nations in accordance with Article 102 of its Charter and Article 84 paragraph 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, a certified copy of the aforementioned Treaties.

A copy of this Joint Letter is being addressed to the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority for official record purposes.

Please accept, dear Secretary-General, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Done in Victoria, Seychelles in the English language in duplicate on this eighteenth day of June two thousand and twelve.

**For the Government of the
Republic of Mauritius**



**Dr. The Hon Navinchandra Ramgoolam, GCSK, FRCP
Prime Minister**



**For the Government of the
Republic of Seychelles**



**H.E. Mr. James Alix Michel
President**



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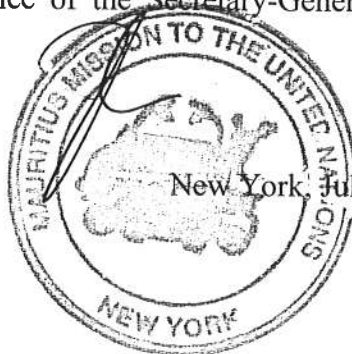
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a Joint Letter dated 18 June 2012 from Dr. the Honourable Navinchandra Ramgoolam, GCSK, FRCP, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, and His Excellency Mr. James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles, submitting the certified copy of the following two Treaties for registration in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter and Article 84 paragraph 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The attached two Treaties are:

1. TREATY CONCERNING THE JOINT EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE MASCARENE PLATEAU REGION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES AT CLARISSE HOUSE, VACOAS, MAURITIUS, ON 13 MARCH 2012;
2. TREATY CONCERNING THE JOINT MANAGEMENT OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF IN THE MASCARENE PLATEAU REGION SIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES AT CLARISSE HOUSE, VACOAS, MAURITIUS, ON 13 MARCH 2012.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.



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