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Note verbale dated 24 September 2014 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva addressed to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the Human Rights Council and, with reference to letter MMG/HR/28/2,* dated 5 September 2014, addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council by Mr. I. Dhalladoo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Mauritius, has the honour to request the secretariat to issue the said letter as an official document of the twenty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council under agenda item 6.

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Annex

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The Government of the Republic of Mauritius wishes to refer to the mid-term report submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in August 2014 to the Human Rights Council in connection with the universal periodic review and, in particular, to paragraph 5 in the section entitled “Summary of the outcome of the engagement process with the National Human Rights Institutions and with civil society organisations” (page 7), wherein mention is made of the “Chagos Islands (part of the British Indian Ocean Territory...)”.

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius reiterates that the Chagos Archipelago, including Diego Garcia, forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius under both Mauritian law and international law.

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius reaffirms that it does not recognize the so-called “British Indian Ocean Territory” which the United Kingdom purported to create by illegally excising the Chagos Archipelago from the territory of Mauritius prior to its accession to independence. This excision was carried out in violation of international law and of United Nations General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965, 2232 (XXI) of 20 December 1966 and 2357 (XXII) of 19 December 1967.

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius would be grateful if this letter could be circulated to all member and observer States of the Council.

(Signed)

I. Dhalladoo
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
