

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE LAW OF THE SEA



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**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 (hereinafter “the Rules”),

Having regard to the Orders of the Special Chamber of 10 October 2019 and 19 December 2019,

Having regard to the Judgment of the Special Chamber of 28 January 2021 on the preliminary objections raised by the Maldives,

Makes the following Order:

1. Whereas, by Order dated 10 October 2019, the President of the Special Chamber fixed 9 April 2020 and 9 October 2020 as the time-limits for the filing of a Memorial by Mauritius and a Counter-Memorial by the Maldives, respectively, and reserved the subsequent procedure for further decision;
2. Whereas on 18 December 2019 the Maldives filed written preliminary objections under article 294 of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and article 97 of the Rules, and these preliminary objections were notified to Mauritius on the same date;
3. Whereas, pursuant to article 97, paragraph 3, of the Rules, the proceedings on the merits were suspended upon receipt of the preliminary objections by the Registry, as stated in the Order of the Special Chamber of 19 December 2019;
4. Whereas, in its Judgment dated 28 January 2021, the Special Chamber found, *inter alia*, that it had jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary between the Parties in the Indian Ocean and that the claim submitted by Mauritius in this regard was admissible;
5. Whereas, by letter dated 29 January 2021, the Registrar communicated to the Parties that the President of the Special Chamber intended to fix 25 May 2021 as the revised time-limit for the filing of the Memorial of Mauritius, and 25 November 2021 as the revised time-limit for the filing of the Counter-Memorial of the Maldives;
6. Whereas, the Maldives, by letter dated 1 February 2021, took note of the intention of the President of the Special Chamber, and Mauritius, by letter dated 2 February 2021, indicated that it had no objection to the proposal of the President of the Special Chamber;

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SPECIAL CHAMBER,

Having ascertained the views of the Parties,

Fixes the following time-limits for the filing of the Memorial and Counter-Memorial:

25 May 2021 for the Memorial of Mauritius;

25 November 2021 for the Counter-Memorial 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 third day of February, 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
