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TRIBUNAL TO EMBRACE A HYBRID FORMAT FOR
THE HEARING ON PRELIMINARY OBJECTIONS

DISPUTE CONCERNING DELIMITATION OF THE MARITIME BOUNDARY
BETWEEN MAURITIUS AND MALDIVES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN

The Special Chamber formed to deal with the *Dispute concerning the delimitation of the maritime boundary of Mauritius and Maldives in the Indian Ocean (Mauritius/Maldives)* will hold its hearing on the preliminary objections raised by the Republic of Maldives relating to the jurisdiction of the Special Chamber and to the admissibility of the claims submitted by the Republic of Mauritius.

The hearing will open on 13 October 2020, as determined by Order of the President of the Special Chamber of 19 May 2020. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held in a hybrid format, combining the physical and virtual participation of both members of the Chamber and representatives of the Parties.

Further to consultations held between the President of the Special Chamber and the representatives of the Parties on 1 September 2020, the schedule of the hearing is as follows:

First round of oral argument: 13–15 October 2020 (Hamburg time)

Tuesday, 13 October 2020, 2–3:30 pm, 4–5 pm and 5:30–7 pm: Maldives
Thursday, 15 October 2020, 2–3:30 pm, 4–5 pm and 5:30–7 pm: Mauritius

Second round of oral argument: 17–19 October 2020 (Hamburg time)

Saturday, 17 October 2020, 2–3:30 pm and 4–5 pm (if needed): Maldives
Monday, 19 October 2020, 2–3:30 pm and 4–5 pm (if needed): Mauritius

Public access to the Courtroom will not be permitted but the hearing will be livestreamed on the Tribunal's website. A recorded webcast will be made available under Webcast Archives after the close of each sitting. The verbatim records of the hearing will be published shortly thereafter on the Tribunal's website.

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