



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Note No. 378 dated 30 July 2009 from the Permanent Mission of France addressed to the latter.

The Republic of Mauritius considers that the declaration made by France in respect of the deposit by the Republic of Mauritius on 20 June 2008 with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of a chart entitled "Tromelin: Basepoints", scale 1: 12,500; Datum WGS 84; January 2007 has no legal basis in as much as Tromelin Island forms an integral part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius and no other State is entitled to claim the maritime zones appurtenant to Tromelin Island.

The Republic of Mauritius reiterates that it has full and complete sovereignty over Tromelin Island, including its maritime zones. In this regard, on 1 March 1978, Mauritius had formally protested against the purported establishment by France of an exclusive economic zone off the coast of Tromelin Island.

The Republic of Mauritius has also lodged a protest against a list of geographical coordinates of points purporting to define the outer limits of the exclusive economic zone of Tromelin Island, deposited by France on 5 August 2009 with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius would appreciate if the above declaration could be duly recorded, circulated and published in the next Law of the Sea Bulletin, the Law of the Sea Information Circular and any other relevant publication issued by the United Nations.

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

**His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon**  
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**New York**

