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**Letter dated 16 April 2008 from the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of
Mauritius addressed to the President of the Human Rights Council**

The Republic of Mauritius wishes to refer to the national report of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland submitted for the purpose of the universal periodic review held on 10 April 2008, in particular to paragraph 8 of sub-section B, entitled “Country Background – Overseas Territories”, wherein the so-called “British Overseas Territories” are said to comprise, inter alia, the so-called “British Indian Ocean Territory”.

The Republic of Mauritius wishes to reiterate that the Chagos Archipelago, including the island of Diego Garcia, forms part of the Republic of Mauritius and was unlawfully excised from the territory of Mauritius by the United Kingdom, in total disregard of General Assembly resolutions 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and 2066 (XX) of 16 December 1965. The Republic of Mauritius does not recognize the so-called “British Indian Ocean Territory” or any “British Overseas Territory” insofar as these terms purport to describe or refer to the Chagos Archipelago, and continues to press in all relevant forums for the early and unconditional return of the Chagos Archipelago to the Republic of Mauritius.

The Republic of Mauritius would be grateful if its comments could be circulated as a document of the Council.

(Signed)

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