

COMMUNIQUE

The Government of the Republic of Mauritius has taken cognizance of press reports this morning in the UK and wishes to bring the following clarifications:

- (a) Mauritius has never said that the financial package in the agreement between Mauritius and the UK on the Chagos Archipelago had doubled as alleged;
- (b) Mauritius confirms that yesterday in Parliament, the Prime Minister stated that the previous agreement with the previous Mauritian Prime Minister was not in the best interests of Mauritius and that following negotiations, the parties had agreed on an improved agreement on mutually acceptable terms;
- (c) As regards duration, Mauritius confirms that the agreement has always been for a period of 99 years, with the possibility of an extension for a further period of 40 years. The negotiations carried out by the present Government have clarified and firmed up the unequivocal understanding that any extension would need to have the consent of Mauritius and the UK;
- (d) Mauritius reiterates its commitment to finalizing the agreement and is committed to sign the said agreement.

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