

**EXTRACT FROM FINAL DOCUMENT ADOPTED BY 19TH SUMMIT OF HEADS  
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT,  
19-20 JANUARY 2024, KAMPALA, UGANDA**

**Chagos Archipelago**

535. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the clear and unambiguous Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) delivered on 25 February 2019 on the legal consequences of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius in 1965, pursuant to the UN General Assembly resolution 71/292 of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.

536. The Heads of State and Government took note of the Court's findings that the right to self-determination was a rule of customary international law in 1965 and that the excision of the Chagos Archipelago from the territory of Mauritius was an internationally wrongful act. In that regard, the Heads of State and Government fully supported the Court's ruling that the United Kingdom is under an obligation to bring to an end its administration of the Chagos Archipelago as rapidly as possible.

537. The Heads of State and Government also took note of UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 of 22 May 2019 and the Judgment of the Special Chamber of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) of 28 January 2021, which fully endorsed the findings of the ICJ.

538. The Heads of State and Government reaffirmed, in the light of the ICJ's Advisory Opinion, UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 and the Judgment of the Special Chamber of ITLOS that the Chagos Archipelago is and has always been part of the territory of Mauritius and that Mauritius is the sole State lawfully entitled to exercise sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago and sovereign rights over the appurtenant maritime spaces. They resolved to cooperate fully with the UN General Assembly in ensuring the prompt decolonization of Mauritius, as required by the Court, and take all necessary measures for the process of decolonization of Mauritius to be completed without hindrance and as rapidly as possible.

539. The Heads of State and Government expressed their satisfaction that the findings of the ICJ and the Special Chamber of ITLOS as well as UN General Assembly Resolution 73/295 confirm that the "marine protected area" ("MPA") purportedly created by the UK around the Chagos Archipelago is illegal since under international law, the UK is not the 'coastal State' in relation to the Chagos Archipelago. They welcomed the announcement made by Mauritius at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon in 2022 that it will create an MPA around the Chagos Archipelago with the support of relevant stakeholders.

540. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the decision of Mauritius and the United Kingdom to start negotiations on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago and look forward to an agreement being concluded by the two countries on the basis of international law and which resolves all outstanding issues, including the resettlement of the former inhabitants of the Chagos Archipelago.

541. The Heads of State and Government welcomed the Judgment which the Special Chamber of ITLOS delivered on 28 April 2023, establishing a maritime boundary between the Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Maldives, which delimits the exclusive economic zones and the continental shelves of the two States within 200 nautical miles in the region of the Chagos Archipelago.