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SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT

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The Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement:

HAVING REGARD to Article 9 of the Agreement regarding the establishment of the Secretariat of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (the Secretariat);

RECALLING that the European Union, on behalf of the French Republic, offered to host the Secretariat in Réunion Island, France;

NOTING the report of the second session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (the Agreement), held in Mauritius from 17 to 20 March 2015, and in particular Agenda Item 7 on the decision by consensus to establish the Headquarters of the Secretariat in Saint-Denis, Réunion Island, France;

DESIRING to adopt a headquarters agreement for the Secretariat to define its legal personality, capacity, privileges and immunities in the territory of the French Republic; and

FURTHER NOTING the decision adopted by the third Meeting of the Parties to appoint an Executive Secretary;

Decides, in accordance with paragraph 3 of article 8 of the Agreement:

1. to establish the Secretariat in Saint-Denis, Réunion Island, France;
2. to adopt the Agreement between the Government of the French Republic and the Secretariat of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement concerning the headquarters of the Secretariat and its privileges and immunities in French Territory (the Headquarters Agreement);
3. that the Secretariat shall have international legal personality, and capacity limited to the extent necessary to conclude the Headquarters Agreement with the Government of the French Republic and to implement its provisions.
4. that the Secretariat shall exercise its legal capacity within the territory of the French Republic, as provided for in the Headquarters Agreement, only to the extent authorised by the Meeting of the Parties;
5. to authorise and request the Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat to sign the Headquarters Agreement on behalf of the Secretariat and to notify the Government of the French Republic, in writing, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Article 23 of the Headquarters Agreement, that the Secretariat's requirements for the entry into force of the Headquarters Agreement have been complied with;
6. to request the Executive Secretary to inform all Contracting Parties, Cooperating non Contracting Parties, Participating Fishing Entities and Signatory States to the Agreement of the dates of the notifications referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 23 of the Headquarters Agreement;
7. to instruct the Secretariat to implement the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement upon its entry into force;
8. to authorise and request the Secretariat to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Government of the French Republic to provide office accommodation and related services and facilities.