

Contribution to the report of the Secretary-General  
on oceans and the law of the sea

Judicial work

1. The

(Case No. 28) is pending before a Special Chamber of the Tribunal. By order dated 15 December 2021, the President of the Special Chamber fixed 14 April 2022 as the time-limit for the filing of a reply by Mauritius and 15 August 2022 as the time-limit for the filing of a rejoinder by the Maldives. In

(Case No. 29), by order dated 29 December 2021, the President placed on record the discontinuance, by agreement of the Parties, of the proceedings and ordered that the case be removed from the List of cases.

2. . The case relates to the dispute between Mauritius and the Maldives concerning the delimitation of their maritime boundary in the Indian Ocean. It was submitted to a special chamber of the Tribunal by notification of a special agreement concluded between the Parties on 24 September 2019. On 18 December 2019, the Maldives filed with the Special Chamber

requested that the opening of the oral proceedings be postponed until a later date " [i]n view of the ongoing implementation of a Memorandum of Understanding ...concluded by Switzerland and Nigeria on 20 May 2021 regarding the issue of the M/T 'San Padre Pio'". Having regard to the special circumstances of the case and having sought the views of the Parties, the opening of the oral