

## Right of reply

**Mr. President,**

I wish to refer to the statement made this morning by the distinguished representative of Maldives in which she has made reference to their submission to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, to which Mauritius has objected.

Mauritius wishes to clarify this matter which has been misrepresented.

Mauritius and Maldives engaged in discussions on the maritime boundary in October 2010 on the basis of equidistance. However, the discussions were not conclusive.

I wish to recall that in July 2010 when Maldives made its submission, Mauritius drew their attention to the fact that the submission did not take into account the potential equidistant boundary line since the claim clearly overlapped with our potential EEZ.

They were asked to make the necessary amendments following which Mauritius would withdraw its objection. This was not done and in fact has not been done till today.

Mauritius has recently invited Maldives to a second round of discussions on maritime delimitation but there has been no reply.

Thank you