EXTENSION AGREEMENT OF THE RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS AND

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

The Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius, hereinafter referred to as the 'Parties';

BEARING IN MIND the Fishing Agreements between the Parties namely the 'Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius on Fishing in Seychelles Waters' and the 'Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Mauritius and the Government of the Republic of Seychelles on Fishing in Mauritius Waters' both signed on the 20th February 2017;

MINDFUL of the Reciprocal Fishing Agreements between the Parties on fishing in the Seychelles and in the Mauritius waters respectively, signed on the 14th of April 2022 and were to expire on the 14th of April 2023;

CONSIDERING that the Parties, by mutual consent, extended and continued the said Agreements for an additional period of 12 months up to the 14th of April 2024 by way of an Extension Agreement dated 07 July 2023;

EMPHASIZING that the Parties, by mutual consent, further extended the said Agreement for an additional period of 6 months, commencing on the 15th of April 2024, expiring on the 14th of October 2024 by way of an Extension Agreement dated 07 June 2024;

NOTING that the Parties, by mutual consent on 14th and 15th March 2024, intended and agreed that in the event that the new agreements are not concluded before the 13th of April 2024, the said Agreements are to be further extended until the signature of the new mutually beneficial reciprocal fishing agreements;

DECIDING that the fishing licenses issued under the current Agreements shall be valid until the 31st of December 2024 and applied *pro rata temporis*, after which date they will cease to be effective;

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RECOGNISING that activities under the present Extension Agreement shall be on the same terms and conditions as stated in the Reciprocal Fishing Agreements between the Parties on fishing in the Seychelles and in the Mauritius waters respectively, signed on the 14th of April 2022;

Hereby agree to extend the application of the said Reciprocal Fishing Agreements for an additional period, commencing on the 15th of October 2024 and expiring on the 31st of December 2024.

In witness thereof, the authorised representatives of the Parties have signed this Extension Agreement in two originals, in English, on this 30th day of September 2024.

For the Government of the Republic of Seychelles

Hon. Wr. Vean-Francois Ferrari Designated Winister and Minister for Fisheries and Blue Economy For the Government of the Republic of Mauritius

Hon: Mr. Sudheer Maudhoo Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping