



## **Communiqué on the establishment of a Strategic Partnership Framework between the Republic of Mauritius and the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland**

Today, with the conclusion of the agreement on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, relations between the Republic of Mauritius and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland enter a new era. In recognition of this, we – the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade for Mauritius, and the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs for the United Kingdom – agree to a new Strategic Partnership Framework, to cement and boost our flourishing relationship for the benefit of both nations.

Mauritius and the United Kingdom enjoy deep historical ties and strong partnerships across a full range of shared strategic interests including economic growth, security, and climate change. We are both Commonwealth democracies, committed to upholding human rights, the rule of law, and the rules-based international system.

Our new governments will work together to deliver the clear mandates for reform we were given in our elections last year, to support the change our people want to see. In agreeing to this partnership, we also demonstrate our continued shared commitment to the pursuit of a free and rules-based Indo-Pacific that delivers security and prosperity for all.

From 2025, Mauritius and the United Kingdom will strengthen our cooperation, addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities of our time, with a particular focus on: boosting mutual economic growth and trade, strengthening the international rules-based system, reinforcing maritime security, and tackling climate change.

Building on our vibrant bilateral trade relationship currently worth £1.2 billion annually, we will increase **mutual trade and investment** to boost long-term growth for both our countries, supporting Mauritius's aim to transition to a high income country and putting more money into hardworking people's pockets. This will include:

- Deepening our existing trade relationship under the United Kingdom-Eastern and Southern Africa Economic Partnership Agreement;
- Maximising growth and development by cooperating on competitive financing through UK Export Finance, with at least £5 billion in market risk appetite, to deliver British business opportunities and growth and jobs in Mauritius;
- New government-to-government initiatives on digital trade and health, and a Mauritius/United Kingdom Business Forum; and
- Delivering a set of formal partnerships with Mauritian and British institutions across priority sectors, including hospitals, the civil and public service, universities, and City of London financial institutions.

We also commit to work together to **strengthen the international rules-based system** and in particular to build resilience against corruption and illicit finance,



including by enhancing Mauritius's status as a regional financial hub and instilling further confidence in Mauritius as an investment destination. This will include:

- Developing a bilateral Economic Security Partnership to counter corruption and illicit finance, including measures to support Mauritius's next Financial Action Taskforce review;
- Expanding law enforcement cooperation, in particular cyber training and investigations, to reduce crime; and
- Identifying opportunities for Mauritian judicial reform and support.

We will explore ways to **strengthen our democracies and shared values** by forging deeper connections between our Parliaments and increasing our collaboration in international and multilateral fora such as the Commonwealth and regional Indian Ocean organisations.

On **maritime security and irregular migration**, we will deepen our cooperation to fight the scourges of irregular migration, drugs trafficking, piracy, and illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing, supporting safer streets in our countries and protecting mutual prosperity. This will include:

- Cooperation agreements and capacity building to secure Mauritius's Exclusive Economic Zone;
- Consideration of patrolling capability across the Chagos Archipelago to support a secure maritime domain;
- Cooperation to counter and manage irregular migration; and
- Provision of training and institutional partnerships to boost Mauritian maritime security capability and strengthen fisheries protection.

We further commit to tackle one of the defining global challenges of our time together: **climate change**. Our shared objectives are to deliver Mauritius's transition to energy independence through sustainable renewable energy, to protect biodiversity including rare indigenous species, and to increase Mauritius's long-term climate resilience. This will include:

- A £12 million Access to Climate Finance programme, to unlock hundreds of millions of pounds through private sector partnerships and international green funds;
- Mitigation and adaptation projects to tackle the immediate effects of climate change including coral restoration, coastal erosion and indigenous species conservation; and
- Technical expertise to develop and manage the Chagos Archipelago Marine Protected Area, pursuant to the agreement on the exercise of sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago.

The new Mauritius-UK Strategic Partnership Framework will provide a comprehensive mechanism for delivering – together – for our countries. Our Ministers will meet in the coming months to finalise the partnership and will then meet in an **Annual Strategic Dialogue** to review and keep evolving it as necessary to support the security and prosperity of our countries into the future.

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