

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
KING'S BENCH DIVISION
ADMINISTRATIVE COURT

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE GOOSE

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BETWEEN

THE KING, on the application of
BERTRICE POMPE

Claimant

-V-

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN,
COMMONWEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS

Defendant

&

THE CABINET OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

Interested Party

ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RELIEF

UPON CONSIDERATION OF THE CLAIMANT'S APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RELIEF
MADE OUT OF COURT HOURS

AND UPON THE DEFENDANT BEING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF HM
GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR CONCLUDING THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT
WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MAURITIUS

AND UPON READING THE DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE

AND UPON THE CLAIMANT UNDERTAKING TO COMMENCE PROCEEDINGS FOR
JUDICIAL REVIEW ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pending the final determination of the claim or until further Order, it is Ordered that a stay of action by the Defendant is imposed that:
 - a. The Defendant shall take no conclusive or legally binding step to conclude its negotiations concerning the possible transfer of the British Indian Ocean Territory (also known as the Chagos Archipelago) to a foreign government or bind itself as to the particular terms of any such transfer.
 - b. The Defendant shall in particular not dispose of the territory in whole or in part. The Defendant is to maintain the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom over the British Indian Ocean Territory until further Order.
- (2) Costs in the case.
- (3) The return date to consider the matter will be on 22 May 2025 at 10.30am with the attendance of the parties.

The Honourable Mr Justice Goose
22.5.25
[02.25am]