



EMBASSY  
OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
IN THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

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Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I have the honour to inform you that the Russian Federation has decided to start the process of the accession to the Indian Ocean Commission as an observer. All the IOC member parties will be officially informed shortly about this decision.

In this connection, we would be very appreciative if you could kindly forward us a letter with the following information:

1. Confirmation that the initiating step of the accession process is an official letter from the Russian party on your behalf.
2. Clarification of the steps of the accession process following the official letter.
3. Confirmation that the accession to the IOC as an observer shall not entail any financial obligations on the joining country.

Please, accept, Mr. Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Klimovskiy'.

Konstantin KLIMOVSKIY  
AMBASSADOR

**H.E. MR. HAMADA MADI BOLÉRO**  
**SECRETARY GENERAL**  
**INDIAN OCEAN COMMISSION**