

Geneva, October 2013

### Statement by Armenia

Thank you Mr President.

Armenia welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks them for the report. We take note of the positive changes since the last report, especially in terms of legislative measures taken in order to guarantee a better protection of human rights in the country.

We would like to note the launch of National Human Rights Action Plan for 2012-2020, the establishment of Equal Opportunities Commission along with the measures and initiatives taken to protect children's rights.

In this regard, we highlight the ratification of the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, as well as the development of a National Child Protection Strategy.

We also welcome the creation of Human Rights Portal as a platform for various stakeholders to assist the implementation of recommendations to this Action Plan.

Armenia recommends Mauritius to:

1. Continue its efforts towards human rights trainings, capacity building and human rights education, especially through integrating human rights across the educational curriculum.
2. Consider ratifying the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Thank you Mr President