

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
Review of Mauritius
17TH Session of UPR Working Group of Human Rights
Council
23 OCTOBER 2013

The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho would like to welcome the delegation of Mauritius and thank them for their excellent presentation of their national report which provides a broad overview of the achievements and challenges facing Mauritius in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President,

Lesotho has read with keen interest the national report of the Government of Mauritius and has noted that the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms enshrined in the Constitution accord all citizens equal rights.

The enactment of the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act, provision of legal aid, Equal Opportunities Act, the Protection of Human Rights Act, 2012 are among the many remarkable achievements secured. The Government is encouraged to maintain course on this path.

Mr. President,

Lesotho wishes to recommend that Mauritius continue its reforms to improve policies and programmes towards promotion and protection of all human rights. Lesotho further recommends that Mauritius takes necessary steps to ratify or accede to other major international human rights instruments and which are still outstanding.

The Lesotho delegation further wishes to call on international community to continue lending full support to the efforts being made by the Government of Mauritius towards discharging of its human rights obligations.

Finally, Lesotho wishes Mauritius all the success in implementing the recommendations that may come out of this review. **I thank you**