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STATEMENT BY MALAYSIA
Review of Mauritius
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Thank you Mr. President,

Malaysia welcomes the delegation of Mauritius, led by H.E. Alvin Boolell, to the 17th Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of its national report.

2. During Mauritius' first review, Malaysia made recommendations in the areas of violence against women and the protection of children including reintegration of children of victims of sexual exploitation, among others. We are pleased to note that my delegation's recommendations were accepted by Mauritius and considerable progress has been made in those areas since its first UPR. In particular, we commend Mauritius for launching a National Action Plan to Combat Domestic Violence which, among others, encompasses the legislative improvements in addressing the issue of domestic violence.

3. We also note positively that Mauritius has ratified the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography in 2011 as part of its efforts in strengthening measures to respond to child protection issues, including combating children's sexual exploitation. Other noteworthy efforts by Mauritius include the preparation of a National Child Protection Strategy which provides a holistic approach in addressing this issue.

4. In this regard, in the spirit of constructive engagement and cooperation, my delegation would like to make the following two recommendations for the consideration of Mauritius:

- 4.1. to continue its positive efforts in addressing the issue of violence against women including ensuring the effective implementation of recommendations made by its National Platform to end Gender Based Violence which was introduced in October 2011; and
- 4.2. to continue its efforts in the protection of children including through the finalization of its Children's Bill aimed at consolidating the various legislation on children's rights and harmonizing all laws in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

I thank you, Mr. President.

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23 October 2013