



REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

**Closing Remarks by
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Mr. President,
Distinguished members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As we approach the end of a very enriching discussion, I would like on behalf of my delegation and in my own name to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the member states for their participation in our second Universal Periodic Review and in particular the constructive and cooperative spirit that you showed all throughout the session. We are encouraged by the expressions of appreciation and support.

We recognize that a large number of delegations participated in our UPR. This is a testimony of the growing interest of the international community on the progress in the human rights situation in Mauritius.

I hope that my presentation and the ensuing interactive dialogue have been mutually enriching. It allowed us to assess our human rights activities, to reaffirm our commitment, compliance and adherence to human rights norms and values and has enabled the Member States to get a deeper insight and better understanding of the human rights situation prevailing in Mauritius.

We also spelt out our constraints and challenges, but we will not falter in our determination to ensure that our people enjoy fully their rights.

My delegation values highly your comments, observations, and recommendations. We will give serious consideration to them while we pursue further our efforts to promote and protect human rights. Due to time constraints, we may not have responded to all questions raised during the interactive dialogue, but I wish to assure you that we will give due consideration to all of them and we may try to provide responses either during the adoption of the outcome report or in our next mid-term report.

Let me again reassure you of the continued support of Mauritius to the work of the Human Rights Council and the UPR mechanism. I would also like to reiterate the strong commitment of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius to uphold the highest standards in the promotion and protection of the human rights of every individual in the country.

We will also continue to pursue a policy of active cooperation with international organizations and their respective bodies and institutions in the field of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Thank you

