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Mr. President,

Namibia warmly welcomes the Mauritian delegation to its UPR. Mauritius has long been a great example in promoting and protecting human rights, including being ranked the best place in Africa for children to live. Mauritius has a strong democracy and a robust human rights framework, including a National Human Rights Action Plan, 2012- 2020, which, *inter alia*, seeks to secure a greater realization of economic, social and cultural rights.

In this respect, my delegation would like to make the following recommendations for the consideration of the Government of Mauritius:

1. Strengthen its education policies to ensure that no child drops out of school at primary level due to structural reasons;
2. Continue to raise the literacy rate amongst women, particularly those living in rural areas;
3. Continue to create employment opportunities and promote the development of income generating activities to uplift the poor.
4. Continue to increase women's representation in all national decision-making positions to 30% in line with the SADC decision.

I thank you Mr. President

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