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Thank you Mister President. The Philippines welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We note the progress made by Mauritius relating to the implementation of recommendations it accepted during its first UPR. The Philippines is pleased that Mauritius recently enacted several laws that strengthened its normative framework for human rights. We note in particular the amendments to its Protection of Human Rights Act and the Police Complaint Act.

We congratulate Mauritius for efforts towards safeguarding the rights of women, children and persons with disabilities. We **recommend** that Mauritius continues to address the concerns of disadvantaged and vulnerable ^{persons} ~~groups~~ as a matter of priority, through programs aimed at promoting their fundamental human rights.

The Philippines acknowledges with appreciation Mauritius' demonstrated commitment to advance the cause of migrant workers. The Philippines **recommends** that Mauritius consider ratifying the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Their Families.

Mister President, the Philippines commends Mauritius for the formulation of its National Action Plan on Human Rights (2012 – 2020). We appreciate that the Office of the Prime Minister is leading the implementation of the Plan, along with a multi-stakeholder Monitoring Committee. The Philippines **recommends** that, in line with the implementation of its human rights action plan, Mauritius consider providing appropriate human rights education and training to public servants and law enforcement officials.

In closing, we wish Mauritius success as it continues to address remaining challenges to further advance human rights. Thank you. **END**