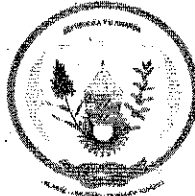


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Universal Periodic Review of Mauritius, 23rd October 2013**

Statement by: Rwanda Delegation

Rwanda would like to welcome the delegation of Mauritius to the second Cycle of the UPR.

We commend the Mauritius delegation for its comprehensive national report.

We note positively the government's efforts to better guarantee the protection of human rights. In particular, we commend Mauritius for putting in place a number of legislations including:

1. The protection of human rights Act,
2. The police complaint Act,
3. The Equal opportunity Act,
4. The Criminal Code Act and
The combating of trafficking in persons Act. Among others,

We also commend Mauritius for launching a comprehensive national human rights Action plan for the period of 2012 to 2020.

The adoption of National Gender Policy Framework in 2008 by the Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare is highly recommended.

My delegation would like to formulate the following recommendations:

1. To consider ratifying the Second Optional Protocol to ICCPR, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty
2. To consider ratifying the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its Protocol.
3. To continue to address Gender Based Violence

Finally, we extend our warmest wishes for success to the Government and people of Mauritius in all their future endeavours.

Thank you.