



**SOUTH AFRICAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

**STATEMENT BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT OF MAURITIUS**

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Mr. President,

We warmly welcome the delegation of Mauritius to the Working Group and appreciate the continued commitment to the UPR process. The preparation of the national report was a subject of a comprehensive and inclusive consultative process and we commend the concerted effort to ensure that all citizens were made aware of the UPR process and had an opportunity to comment on the national report.

During the first cycle of the UPR, Mauritius received several recommendations regarding the rights of children. We note the steps taken since the first cycle to enhance the promotion, protection and enjoyment of all rights by children. These include the ratification of international instruments, the establishment of institutional protection mechanisms such as the Police Family Protection Unit, and working towards enacting additional national legislation. **South Africa recommends that Mauritius finalise the National Child Protection Strategy and the Children's Bill.**

Mr. President,

We welcome the launching of the National Human Rights Action Plan 2012 – 2020 by the Office of the Prime Minister. The Action plan sets out the vision and commitment of the government to the promotion and protection of human rights. **South Africa recommends that the Human Rights Monitoring Committee,**

tasked with monitoring the implementation of the Action Plan, be given the necessary resources to ensure its effective functioning.

We congratulate Mauritius for the interaction with the working group today and wish them well for the implementation of the accepted recommendations and further engagements with the UPR process.

I thank you.