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Thank you Mr. President,

We would like to welcome H.F. Mr. Arvin and his delegation and thank the Government of Mauritius for this detailed and objective presentation. We would also like to congratulate the Government of Mauritius for its meticulous cooperation with the civil society in preparation of the national report for this universal review.

We appreciate that the Government of Mauritius is considering human rights as an integral part of the society's development. Hence, the successful position of Mauritius in various global indexes of democratic development is a confirmation of the Country's well reputation in this field.

With regards to the implementation of the recommendations presented at the first round of the UPR, we see that the Government of Mauritius has launched a National Action Plan on Human Rights, which we find commendable. In this framework, we would like to welcome the inauguration of the Human Rights Monitoring Committee, which, we believe, is a sign of Mauritius's sincerity in the implementation of this plan.

In addition to this Monitoring Committe, Equal Opportunities Commission and the Truth and Justice Commission are also commendable institutional achievements, which are both very important in reflecting the country's human rights development into the daily lives of the citizens. We wish success to both organizations in their works.

Since the first round of the UPR, the Government of Mauritius, inter alia, has ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We also observe that a number of legislative regulations on the issue have been enacted. In this respect, we would like to **recommend** the Government of Mauritius to support these steps with administrative arrangements, in order to ensure that these rights are enjoyed by all persons with disabilities within the society, especially including children with disabilities.