



PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND
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STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS: UPR REVIEW OF THE COMOROS:

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Mr. President,

Mauritius welcomes H.E. Mr Abdou Oussseni, Minister of Justice of the Union of the Comoros and his delegation to the 18th Session of the UPR and thank him for his detailed presentation of Comoros' national report which highlights not only the achievements but also the challenges facing the Government of Comoros in the promotion and protection of human rights.

We note with satisfaction the various steps taken by Comoros to fulfil the recommendations it received during the first UPR Cycle in the economic, social and cultural domains.

We acknowledge the positive efforts made by the Government of Comoros to establish the Supreme Court, the Commission against Corruption, the adoption of a human rights policy and a poverty reduction and growth strategy paper, among others.

Mauritius commends Comoros for making education the mainspring of its economic and social development. We recommend the Government of Comoros to consider including human rights education in the 2015-2020 overall education plan.

We also commend the Government of Comoros for its positive disposition to cooperate with the various UN institutions, regional and sub-regional institutions in improving the living conditions of its people and the human rights situation in the country.

The Union of Comoros is a small developing island nation with limited resources and its appeal for international support should be addressed positively so as to enable the Government of Comoros to better fulfil its human rights obligations.

I thank you Mr. President.