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CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT
OF NEW ZEALAND: 27 JANUARY 2014

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to join other speakers in welcoming the distinguished Minister of Justice of New Zealand, Hon Judith Collins to the 18th Session of the UPR and thank ^{her} ~~him~~ ^{for Ethnic Affairs} for the comprehensive and detailed presentation of New Zealand national report.

We ~~also~~ note with appreciation the all-inclusive nature of the consultations held in the preparation of the National Report and the 2nd National Action Plan on Human Rights of New Zealand which clearly reflects the commitment of the Government of New Zealand to continue striving for a higher level of human rights for its people despite the challenges of a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society.

My delegation is ^{Commends} ~~encouraged~~ by New Zealand ^{for its} ~~commitment in adopting~~ non-discriminatory policies to address the inequalities in education, employment, health and social welfare sectors to uplift the living standards of the more

deprived population. We recommend the Government of New Zealand to *continue*
~~to~~ prioritise ~~these~~ policies aimed at further improving the socio-economic
condition of the Maoris and the Pacific peoples.

we also applaud New Zealand
The initiatives taken by the Minister of Social Development in 2012 to uplift the
situation of vulnerable children ^{with the} ~~is to be applauded. The launching of the~~ White
Paper and the recent introduction of the Vulnerable Children's Bill, ~~will no doubt~~
~~change the lives of so many children for a brighter and more dignified future.~~

In this regard, Mauritius would be interested to learn from experiences of New Zealand in ~~this~~
sector as we engage in similar endeavour.

I thank you Mr. President.