

PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT OF

TURKEY

27 January 2015

Mr. President,

Mr Billent Arius

Mauritius welcomes the delegation of Turkey and thanks H.E...... for the detailed presentation of Turkey's national report which provides an overview of the various measures taken by Turkey to enhance human rights in line with international standards and the recommendations received at its last review.

We have noted with satisfaction the twelve years of compulsory education introduced since 2012 and the measures being taken to facilitate access of girls and women to education at all levels.

We also note the positive reform processes in the legal and institutional frameworks as well as the amendment to the Constitution in favour of a positive discrimination for children, women, the elderly and persons with disabilities. The efforts to strengthen civil and political rights are also commendable.

Mauritius recommends the strengthening of the various monitoring mechanisms established for effective enforcement of the new legislations and Action Plans, in particular those targeting the inclusion of the most marginalised segments of the population.

I thank you Mr. President.