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STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP-

CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF JAMAICA

13 MAY 2015

Mr President

My delegation welcomes Senator the Honourable Mark Golding and his delegation to the 22nd session of the UPR and thank him for the excellent presentation of Jamaica's national UPR report.

Mauritius commends Jamaica for its commitment to the UPR process by accepting and implementing most of the recommendations it received during its first review, including those made by Mauritius.

We note that since May 2010 Jamaica has effected legislative and institutional changes in the justice system, healthcare, education sector, and climate change adaptation and mitigation process, among others. We welcome these notable changes, in particular to the Public Health Act and its regulations to prevent and control Non Communicable Diseases, HIV and AIDS and sexual and reproductive health.

Mauritius also congratulates Jamaica for the laudable steps taken to promote gender equality and empowerment of women. We note, in this regard, the conceptualisation of a National Policy for Gender Equality and a Strategic Plan of Action to eliminate gender-based violence. We encourage Jamaica to continue the implementation of the priorities of its "Vision 2030" National Development Plan.

Mauritius notes the positive steps towards the establishment of a National Human Rights Institution in Jamaica. We recommend the early establishment and operationalisation of the NHRI.

I thank you, Mr President.