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STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS AT THE 22nd SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP-
CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF MALAWI
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Mr President

My delegation thanks *Hon Minister Tembani* ~~H.E.~~ for the detailed presentation of the national report of the Republic of Malawi and its continued engagement with the UPR process.

Mauritius notes with appreciation the inclusive nature of the UPR National Task Force of Malawi that prepared the report before us today.

We commend the Government of Malawi for strengthening its legal and normative framework of human rights, in particular for women through the Gender Equality Act, for children through the Childcare Protection and Justice Act, for the disabled persons by adopting the Disability Act, and others that are currently being reviewed by the Law Commission of Malawi.

The National Human Rights Action Plan which is being drafted with the assistance of the UNDP, together with the necessary amendments to the Human Rights Commission Act and the Ombudsman Act will be significant reinforcements to the norms and good practices in this area.

We also take note of the positive steps taken recently by Malawi to fulfill its reporting obligations under the various human rights treaty bodies.

Mr President

At the last review of Malawi, Mauritius recommended that consideration be given to the promotion and strengthening of vocational education and training with a view to reducing high level school drop-outs. We thank Malawi for accepting our recommendation and urge the Government to continue with its initiatives in this regard.

Mauritius also acknowledges the various strategies and legal reforms being considered to end child marriage. We recommend that necessary mechanisms be put in place to ensure their successful implementation.

I thank you, President.