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STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS AT THE 22ND SESSION OF THE UPR WORKING GROUP-CONSIDERATION OF THE UPR REPORT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 11 MAY 2015

Mr President,

Ms Mary McLeod

My delegation thanks H.E. Ambassador K. Harper for the comprehensive and detailed presentation of the national report of The United States.

Mauritius commends the United States for its continued engagement with the UPR mechanism and its strong commitment to human rights as evidenced by the positive measures the US has taken since its last UPR, in reviewing its domestic laws and institutions, streamlining its criminal justice system, promoting civil rights and eliminating discrimination, expanding health care, improving human rights education and training, amongst others.

My delegation also welcomes the steps being taken by the US to ratify the CRPD but notes that there is not much progress with regard to CEDAW.

Mauritius, therefore, recommends that the United States considers ratifying CEDAW and the ICESCR and also considers acceding to OPCAT.

I thank you, Mr President.