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CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT OF SEYCHELLES
25 January 2016

Mr. President,

H-E Mr Barry J.J. FAURE, Secretary of State, Department of Foreign Affairs

My delegation welcomes ~~the Hon.....~~ and his delegation to the 24th Session of the UPR and thanks him for the detailed presentation of Seychelles national report.

Mauritius commends Seychelles for its commitment to the UPR process, the promotion and protection of the fundamental rights of its citizens and its efforts to fulfill its international human rights obligations. We welcome the positive developments since the last review of Seychelles, namely reforms in the health and the education sectors, advancement of women, improvement of social protection for persons with disabilities, measures to address trafficking in persons and enhancing the credibility of the electoral process. We congratulate Seychelles for the successful elections held in 2015.

We also commend Seychelles for the development of a 5-year National Action Plan on Human Rights so as to further coordinate and harmonise its efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights. We acknowledge the initiatives aimed at boosting economic prosperity of the people through the adoption of the Decent Work Country Programme 2011-2015 and the National Employment Policy. The employment schemes and the capacity-building projects adopted to promote employment of the youth shows some success in the Tourism industry. We encourage Seychelles to also pursue its efforts in raising awareness on issues pertaining to workers' rights for their own welfare.

We note that Seychelles is in the process of reviewing the framework and mandate of the National Human Rights Commission. In this regard, we recommend that Seychelles provides all necessary resources, including financial and human resources to the National Human Rights Commission to enhance its activities.

I thank you Mr. President.