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CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT OF
SWAZILAND- 10 May 2016

Mr. President,

My delegation thanks H.E Mr Edgar Hillary, Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for the detailed presentation of Swaziland's UPR report.

We commend the inclusive manner adopted in the preparation of the second national UPR report of Swaziland which demonstrates its commitment to the process.

Mauritius welcomes the progress made by Swaziland in fulfilling its reporting obligations under human rights treaties and the ratifications of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and its Optional Protocol, two Optional Protocols of The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Convention Against Organised Crime. We hope that Swaziland obtains the required technical assistance and capacity-building to further make progress in strengthening its institutions and other mechanisms to uphold human rights.

We congratulate Swaziland for the achievement in its fight against Malaria which has resulted in significant decrease in incidence and death rates nearing its total elimination. Similarly, the various steps taken in the prevention of HIV and AIDS have had positive impact on the lives of those affected. We encourage Swaziland to continue its relentless efforts in achieving the goal of ending AIDS in 2022.

We also acknowledge the relocation of the Commission on Human Rights and Public Administration which allows increased access to the premises. We **recommend** that Swaziland provides necessary budgetary and trained human resources to the Commission to empower it to carry out its mandate of advocacy and protection of human rights.

Mauritius **also recommends** that Swaziland reinforces its campaigns to raise awareness on human rights issues throughout the country. This can be done through the media, at school level, in youth forums and in community activities.

Finally, we wish Swaziland a successful review.

I thank you Mr. President.