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CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW REPORT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

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Mr. President,

My delegation thanks Prof. Sifuni Ernest MCHOME for the detailed presentation of Tanzania's UPR report.

Mauritius congratulates Tanzania for successfully holding peaceful elections last year.

We acknowledge the achievements and progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights since the last review of 2011. We note, in particular, the adoption of a National Human Rights Action Plan (2013-2017) and Strategies for Growth and Reduction of Poverty, free education at primary and secondary levels, increased access to healthcare services and reform of the judicial system, ~~among others~~.

We also applaud <sup>Tanzania's</sup> efforts in the field of gender equality and the advancement of women which have resulted in an increased number of women in Parliament and in decision-making positions, including at the highest level of Vice-Presidency. The adoption of a new gender policy, a roadmap to raise awareness on gender-based violence and steps taken to prevent and eliminate FGM and other harmful traditional practices are positive developments in this regard. We hope that the new proposed Constitution will soon be adopted to further consolidate women's rights and eliminate any discrimination against them.

Finally, Mauritius recommends that Tanzania:

- (i) ensures the effective implementation of its National Human Rights Action Plan; and
- (ii) considers extending systematic training on human rights to all police and prison officers.

We wish Tanzania a successful review.