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**STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF COLOMBIA**

**07 November 2023– 14 30 hrs**

**Chair**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the high level delegation of Colombia, attending this fourth cycle of the UPR.

Mauritius appreciates the efforts being made by Colombia for improving the quality of education, *inter alia*, through the development of the Flexible Educational Model for Reintegration.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend that Colombia:

1. Consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in education; and
2. extend free education to cover at least 12 years of primary and secondary education, in line with the recommendations of the UNESCO.

We wish Colombia a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**