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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 CUBA**

**15 November 2023– 09 00 hrs**

**Madam Vice President**,

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

Mauritius appreciates the efforts being made by Cuba to advance women’s rights and equalities and welcomes Cuba’s National Programme for the Advance of Women 2021.

We congratulate Cuba for the formalisation of the Family Code which, *inter alia,* abolished child marriage.

In a brotherly spirit, we would like to recommend that Cuba:

1. Continue providing the necessary care to women and girls who are victims of human trafficking; and
2. Expand Internet access in educational centers, as a tool for teachers and students.

We wish Cuba a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**