**45th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Mauritius**

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**Statement by Austria**

Austria welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks them for their presentation.

We commend Mauritius for the efforts it has made to implement the recommendations since the last review. At the same time, we notice gaps in some areas and therefore would like to offer the following recommendations:

1) Sign and ratify core UN human rights treaties to which Mauritius is not yet a party, in particular the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty, and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

2) Accelerate the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Mauritius signed in 2007.

3) Continue efforts to protect the queer community by following the important steps made to combat discrimination against LGBTIQA+ persons through the full decriminalization of homosexuality in October 2023.

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