**Statement by Bulgaria**

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***Review of the Republic of Mauritius***

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Thank you, Mr. President!

Bulgaria welcomes the distinguished Delegation of the Republic of Mauritius and thanks for the presentation of the national report.

We note with appreciation the enactment of the Children’s Act, the Children’s Court Act and the Child Sex Offender Register Act to improve the overall protection of the rights of the child in Mauritius.

We highlight that legislation requires listed companies to have a minimum of 25% women on their boards of directors to ensure their greater representation in decision making positions.

We recognize that the implementation of the Health Sector Strategic Plan 2020-2024 promotes the provision of quality health service to all citizens.

Bulgaria would like to make the following recommendations:

1. Consider expanding the mandate of the National Human Rights Commission to include the protection and promotion of economic, social and cultural rights;
2. Take further efforts for the implementation of the Special Education Needs Authority Act 2018 to ensure that all children with disabilities have access to inclusive education in mainstream schools.
3. Strengthen efforts aimed at sustaining girls’ enrollment in schools, underscoring the pivotal role of education in fostering women’s empowerment.

We wish the Delegation of Mauritius a successful review!

Thank you, Mr. President!