**45th Session o the Universal Periodic Review Working Group**

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**UPR of Mauritius**

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Speaking time: 60 seconds

Thank you Mr President.

Fiji welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks it for the presentation of its National Report.

As a fellow SIDS, Fiji understands the unique human rights challenges arising from climate change and natural disasters. Fiji commends the active and ambitious steps taken by Mauritius towards addressing the increasingly adverse impacts of climate change and towards strengthening its disaster risk reduction and resilience capacities.

Fiji also applaud Mauritius for its efforts towards fostering harmony between quality of life, environmental protection, sustainable development and waste management.

With respect, Fiji recommends as follows:

1. Continue to strengthen efforts to guarantee the participation of women, children, persons with disabilities and local communities when developing and implementing climate change and disaster risk reduction frameworks; and
2. Enhance support services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence and continue to strengthen efforts towards raising awareness on the specific needs and vulnerabilities of women and children who are victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

We wish the delegation a successful review.

Thank you.

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