

**Statement by India at the 45th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group (22 Jan – 2 Feb 2024) for the 4th UPR of Mauritius delivered by Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, Permanent Representative of India, Geneva, 24 January 2024**

**Mr. President,**

 We extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Mauritius.

2. India commends Mauritius for its efforts to implement UN Agenda 2030 and AU Agenda 2063. We applaud passage of progressive legislations in 2020 for promotion and protection of rights of children; and the provision of free and universal pre-primary education from January 2024.

3. We note with appreciation the Digital Mauritius 2030 Plan, focusing on digital public infrastructure for inclusive and non-discriminatory digital access; enhancing digital governance, ICT infrastructure and cybersecurity; and promoting innovation. We commend the passage of the Financial Crimes Commission Bill in December 2023.

4. India congratulates Mauritius for the opening of the Intercontinental Slavery Museum in September 2023, which aims to acknowledge the contribution of people of African origin, promote inclusion, and combat all forms of racism and discrimination.

5. We wish Mauritius every success.

**Thank you.**