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**REVIEW OF MAURITIUS**

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*Speaking time: 1 minute*

Thank you, Mr. President.

The Philippines welcomes the esteemed delegation of Mauritius and the high importance it attaches to this review process and UN human rights mechanisms.

We positively note measures undertaken to further improve the efficiency of its judicial system, including the establishment of a Children’s Court and capacity-building programs for justice and law enforcement officers on handling cases related to gender-based violence and discrimination from a human rights lens.

In the spirit of constructive dialogue, we recommend that Mauritius continue to:

1. Ensure that the newly established Children’s Court has adequate resources to fulfil its mandate, especially in combatting all forms of sale and sexual exploitation of children; and

1. Intensify efforts to foster greater inclusivity in Mauritius diverse social landscape by, inter alia, promoting the teaching of the Creole language and expanding access to Creole educational materials by learners.

We wish Mauritius a successful review. Thank you. END