**Statement by Romania**

**The 45th session of the UPR Working Group: Review of Mauritius**

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Mr. President,

Romania welcomes Mauritius’s delegation and wishes it a successful outcome of the UPR.

We appreciate the positive developments in the overall governance since the last UPR review, including in combatting gender based violence. At the same time, we’ve taken note of the low representation of women in decision-making positions and in politics and the uneven implementation of the principle of equal pay for work of equal value.

We would like to constructively recommend Mauritius to:

1. Revise the Equal Opportunities Act in view of ensuring the prohibition of all direct, indirect and intersectional forms of discrimination, on any ground, including gender identity, social origin or property;
2. Step up efforts to adopt and implement the Gender Equality Bill;
3. Strengthen the mechanisms and policies in place to combat trafficking in persons;
4. Undertake measures for combating ethnic or racial stereotypes and stigma and hate speech in order to ensure active participation of all segments of society in public life.

Thank you, Mr. President!