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**STATEMENT OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS TO THE UNITED NATIONS, GENEVA DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF NIGERIA**

**23 JANUARY 2024– 14 30 hrs**

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**Chair**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the high level delegation of Nigeria, attending this fourth cycle of the UPR.

Mauritius appreciates the efforts made by Federal Government of Nigeria to improve access to education, in particular, measures taken to enroll Out-of-School children, to promote STEM education and the provision of Student Loan to advance higher education.

We welcome Nigeria’s openness to international cooperation and knowledge sharing.

With a view to furthering access to education, in a brotherly spirit, we would like to recommend that :

1. Nigeria consider taking necessary measures to enact, in all federal States, the Child Rights Act 2003, which caters for free, compulsory and universal basic education.

We wish Nigeria a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**