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**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS & PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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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 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**

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**Chair**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the high level delegation of the Dominican Republic, attending this fourth cycle of the UPR. We welcome the progress made by the Dominican Republic since its last review.

We commend the Dominican Republic for the introduction of the legislation which prevents marriage under the age of 18 years for both girls and boys.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend that the Dominican Republic:

1. Increase their budget allocation to provide affordable health care, as recommended by the UN Country Team; and
2. Increase its efforts to promote accessible, affordable and quality primary and secondary education.

We wish the Dominican Republic a successful review.

**Thank you.**