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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 NEW ZEALAND**

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**Chair**,

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

Mauritius congratulates New Zealand for its efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights, in particular, with regard to the rights of persons with disabilities.

In a constructive spirit, we would like to recommend that New Zealand:

1. Take necessary actions to eliminate any exception to the minimum age of marriage of 18 years for both girls and boys; and
2. Continue efforts to combat gender-based violence.

We wish New Zealand a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**