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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 SLOVAKIA**

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**Chair**,

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

We welcome Slovakia’s new National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Violence – Violence-Free Childhood for all Children (2023-2029) and its relevant Action Plan.

We commend Slovakia for its Action Plan to support families in vulnerable situations to ensure that they are not socially excluded.

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

1. continue its efforts to promote inclusive education; and
2. Continue its efforts to eliminate gender-based violence.

We wish Slovakia a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**