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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 VANUATU**

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**Chair**,

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

We congratulate and express appreciation to Vanuatu for their leadership in bringing the issue of climate change, a problem which affects the human rights of all, in particular, those in SIDS like Mauritius, at the United Nations General Assembly. As one of the countries which participated in written and oral proceedings of the ICJ, we look forward to the Advisory Opinion of the ICJ in June 2024.

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

1. Continue its progress in promoting awareness on the impacts of climate change; and
2. continue its efforts to promote inclusive education for all, at all levels.

We wish Vanuatu a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**