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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 THE COMMONWEALTH OF DOMINICA**

**07 November 2024– 09 00 hrs**

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**Chair**,

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

We commend Dominica for its increased investment in the education sector and welcome Dominica’s education plan 2020-2025 which has a focus on gender disparity and climate change.

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

1. Continue its efforts in the mitigation and adaption of climate change; and
2. Amend its legislation to ensure at least 12 years of free education with a view to increasing enrolment levels, in line with UNESCO’s recommendations.

We wish Dominica a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**