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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 NORWAY**

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**Chair**,

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

We congratulate Norway for its efforts in the promotion and protection the rights of women and girls, in particular, through the new national escalation plan against violence and abuse against children and domestic violence for the period 2024-2028.

We commend Norway for the enactment of the Education Act 2024 which provides free primary school education, and the right to free upper secondary education for all young people.

Mauritius expresses appreciation to the Government of Norway for its contribution to the Voluntary Trust Fund supporting LDCs and SIDS.

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

1. Continue its efforts to promote inclusive education for all, through the implementation of the Education Act 2024; and
2. Ratify the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled.

 We wish Norway a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**