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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 ITALY**

**20 JANUARY 2025– 09 00 hrs**

**Time Allocated: 1 min**

**Chair**,

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

Mauritius commends Italy for its efforts in strengthening legislative and institutional framework in promoting gender equality and eliminating gender-based violence.

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

1. Continue its efforts to ensure basic health coverage is accessible to all, without discrimination; and
2. Consider putting in place appropriate legislative framework to eliminate corporal punishment in all educational settings, as recommended by the UNESCO.

We wish Italy a successful review and continued progress.

**Thank you.**