**Concluding remarks by Minister Sylvestre Radegonde**

Madam Chair, with your leave I would now like to conclude.

On behalf of the Government of Seychelles, I wish to once again extend my appreciation towards the States who have participated in our Universal Periodic Review.

Frank and open dialogues are a crucial element in the furtherance of any issue, but perhaps, even more so with regards to the promotion and protection of human rights.

The Government of Seychelles will study the recommendations received this afternoon with great interest and intent, and looks forward to communicating its decisions to the Universal Periodic Review Secretariat, our Troika and all member states in due course.

We embrace our achievements and remain cognizant of our challenges. Seychelles is committed to continue fostering peace, social justice, equality, and non-discrimination with the ultimate aim of having a strong and developing human rights culture within our society.

I would like to end Madam Chair, by once again reiterating my country’s plea regarding climate change and human rights. I call upon the States and organizations present here today to keep pushing this agenda further at all forums for the right for us and our next generations to exist.

I wish you all a very good night and fruitful continuation of the UPR sessions.

Thank you Madam Chair.