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**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF ZIMBABWE**

**25 January 2022– 09 00 hrs**

**Chair**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the high level Ministerial delegation of Zimbabwe during this third cycle of the UPR.

Mauritius applauds the efforts of Zimbabwe in providing Grants-in-Aid of Tuition to support the most disadvantaged primary and secondary schools with a view to increasing access to education for all. We also commend Zimbabwe for providing sanitary wear to female learners in support of their menstrual health needs, as a Social Protection measure.

In a brotherly spirit, we would like to recommend that Zimbabwe:

1. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; and
2. To take measures to ensure 12 years of free primary and secondary school education for both girls and boys, as recommended by the UNESCO.

We wish Zimbabwe a successful review and continued progress. Thank you.