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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 ROMANIA**

**02 May 2023– 09 00 hrs**

**Thank you Mr. President**,

The Mauritius delegation extends a very warm welcome to the delegation of Romania during this fourth cycle of the UPR. We keep very warm memories of Bucharest for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference held last September.

Mauritius applauds the implementation of the National Programme for the Reduction of School Dropout(NPRSD) by the Ministry of Education of Romania which aims at increasing the autonomy and capacity of educational establishments to monitor early school drop outs.

In a constructive spirit, Mauritius recommends that Romania

1. ratify the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Convention C 190 on Violence and Harassment; and
2. put in place definite anti-poverty policies and measures, to reduce inequality between the rural and urban areas and to increase access to social housing, clean water and sanitation.

We wish Romania a successful review.

**Thank you.**