**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF BURKINA FASO**

Mr. President,

My delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Burkina Faso and thanks Hon. Minister Besolé René Bargoro for the presentation of the UPR Report for the third cycle.

Mauritius notes with satisfaction the numerous legislative and institutional measures taken by the Government of Burkina Faso for the promotion and protection of human rights since its last review. We commend, in particular, the adoption of its National Economic and Social Development Plan for 2016-2020 including the accompanying public policy tools. We recognize several initiatives and programmes that are being implemented, in consonance with the Sustainable Development Goals, with the aim of eradicating poverty, improving infrastructure as well as access to sanitation and water.

My delegation also applauds the continued efforts of Burkina Faso to improve the health sector, promote economic empowerment of women, and promote universal access to education while ensuring the integration of children with disabilities in mainstream schools.

As a recommendation, my delegation urges the Government of Burkina Faso to continue its efforts to uphold human rights education through training, capacity building and awareness raising.

We wish the delegation of Burkina Faso a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.