**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF DJIBOUTI**

Mr. President,

The Mauritius delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Djibouti and thanks Hon. Minister Moumin Ahmed Cheikh for the presentation of the UPR Report for the third cycle.

We acknowledge the achievements and progress made by Djibouti in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since its last review in 2013. We commend the efforts made by Djibouti for the implementation of the UPR recommendations, in particular the action plans and social policy programmes set out in the Djibouti Vision 2035.

We congratulate Djibouti for having established by decree an institutional framework for the promotion and protection of human rights through the National Human Rights Commission in line with the Paris Principles.

On the social front, we recognize several initiatives and programmes that are being implemented, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular we applaud the continued efforts of Djibouti to alleviate poverty, promote the universal health insurance as well as the universal enrolment to basic education.

As a recommendation, my delegation urges the Government of Djibouti to continue its efforts to uphold human rights education through training, capacity building and awareness raising at all levels of the population.

We wish the delegation of Djibouti a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.