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**REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES**

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Statement delivered by Ms Gayethri M Pillay, Chargé D’affaires/Counsellor

Thank you, Mr President.

Seychelles welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks them for their informative national report and interventions thus far.

As fellow Small Island Developing States, Mauritius and Seychelles are acutely aware of the wide ranging and adverse impacts of climate change upon the human rights of our citizens. In this light, Seychelles commends Mauritius for allocating specific funding to mitigate the effects of climate change, and for the sensitization activities carried out for school teachers and civil society representatives. Seychelles recommends that Mauritius ensures a human rights based approach is taken when formulating policies and enacting measures on the mitigation of and adaptation to climate change.

Seychelles is pleased to note the significant strides being made by Mauritius to further the rights of the child, and in reiterating its recommendation (128.23) made to Mauritius in its Second UPR cycle, Seychelles recommends that Mauritius enacts and effectively implements the ‘Children’s Bill’.

We wish Mauritius a fruitful session.

Thank you, Mr President.