**STATEMENT BY MAURITIUS**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF NIGERIA**

**6 November 2018-14h30**

Mr. Vice President,

Mauritius welcomes the delegation of Nigeria to the third UPR cycle.

My delegation notes with satisfaction that 172 recommendations were accepted during the last UPR, and commends the numerous legislative and institutional measures taken by Nigeria for the promotion and protection of human rights since 2013.

We commend, in particular, the initiatives and programmes that are being implemented, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, with the aim of eradicating poverty, improving infrastructure as well as improving access to basic services.

My delegation also applauds the continued efforts of Nigeria to improve the literacy rate, by providing free basic education to all children in public schools up to junior secondary schools, as well as to adults through Adult Literacy Programmes.

We recommend Nigeria to continue its efforts to carry out sensitization campaigns on human rights through training and capacity building .

We wish the delegation of Nigeria a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.