**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF MALAYSIA**

**Thursday 8 November – 14h30**

Mr. Vice President,

Mauritius extends a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Malaysia and thanks them for the presentation of the UPR Report for the third cycle.

We commend the smooth transition of power reflecting the will of the Malaysian people for a genuine and democratic electoral process.

We acknowledge the achievements and progress made by Malaysia in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since its last review, and we also congratulate Malaysia for its pledges to ratify the remaining core UN instruments related to the promotion and protection of human rights.

On the social front, we recognize several initiatives and programmes that are being implemented, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, especially on poverty alleviation and access to health care and quality education.

My delegation recommends that the Government of Malaysia pursues its efforts to improve coverage and accessibility to health care, especially for the vulnerable groups as well as people in remote and rural areas.

We wish the delegation of Malaysia a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. President.