**STATEMENT OF MAURITIUS**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**

**Friday 9 November – 9am**

Mr. Vice President,

The Mauritius delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Central African Republic and thanks them for the presentation of the UPR Report for the third cycle.

Mauritius congratulates Central African Republic for ratifying various international and regional legal instruments for the promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, we applaud the ratification of the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child in 2016.

We also note several legislative amendments as well as initiatives and programmes that are being implemented, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, with the aim of improving the literacy rate, alleviating poverty, improving infrastructure as well as access to basic services.

We recommend Central African Republic to adopt the necessary laws to guarantee the rights of persons with disabilities and to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We wish the delegation of Central African Republic a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.