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**Review of Mauritius**

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**Intervention by the delegation of Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We commend the Government’s commitment to strengthening the existing democratic and human rights architecture in the country, and we are pleased to observe the successful steps in building and entrenching the fundamental rights and freedoms of Mauritian citizens.

We acknowledge the achievements of the Government since the 2nd UPR cycle, in particular:

* creation of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms and setting up of the Human Rights Secretariat and the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up under its aegis;
* establishment of the Human Rights Monitoring Committee to ensure the implementation of the National Human Rights Action Plan for 2012-2026;
* strengthening of the Office of the Ombudsperson for Children.

We positively regard the extension of a standing invitation to HRC Special Procedures to visit the country.

We encourage the Government to continue in its progress and **recommend**:

- to take necessary legislative steps to abolish death penalty;

- to secure the absolute ban on torture in the legislation;

- to intensify efforts at formulating a comprehensive strategy for preventing and combating child abuse, including prohibition of corporal punishment in all settings.

**I thank you.**