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**Statement by the delegation of Nepal** **on UPR of Mauritius**

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Mr. President,

Nepal welcomes the delegation of Mauritius to the 3rd UPR and thanks them for the presentation of the report.

Nepal congratulates Mauritius for having made important gains in the advancement of human rights and subsequently being recognized as a premier in African governance performance and as one of the most democratic nations in the world.

A party to several important international human rights instruments, Mauritius has been strengthening domestic laws for the greater protection of human rights.

The sensitivities attached and initiatives taken on environmental issues and climate change are also appreciable.

In the areas of empowerment of women and upliftment of indigenous people, ethnic and minority groups, the achievements are noteworthy.

Nepal makes the following recommendations:

1. Effectively curb and combat human trafficking, safeguarding the rights of victims.
2. Take necessary measures to eliminate discrimination and protect the rights of vulnerable groups including migrant workers.

My delegation wishes Mauritius a successful UPR.

Thank you.