**STATEMENT BY MONACO**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF MONACO**

**12 November 2018 – 9 am**

Mr. Vice President,

The Mauritius delegation extends a warm welcome to the delegation of Monaco and thanks H. E Mr Gilles Tonelli, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, for the comprehensive presentation of the UPR Report for the third cycle, which has been prepared through vast consultation with multi-sectoral stakeholders.

We acknowledge the enormous achievements and progress made by Monaco in the field of promotion and protection of human rights since its last review in 2013.

We commend especially the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women in 2016, as well as the Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2017.

We applaud the continued efforts of Monaco for the promotion and protection of the rights of the most vulnerable persons, through special measures taken for children, women, elderly and disabled.

We are confident that Monaco will continue its efforts to improve the welfare of its people, and to further strengthen the rights of women in society.

We wish the delegation of Monaco a successful review.

Thank you, Mr. Vice President.