**Universal Periodic Review of Mauritius, 7 November 2018.**

**Statement by Bhutan**

Mr. President

Bhutan welcomes the delegation of Mauritius and commends them for the progress achieved in the promotion and protection of human rights. The steps taken to ratify and accede to major human rights instruments under the newly set up National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up (NMRF) for the promotion and protection of Human Rights are noteworthy.

Bhutan encourages Mauritius to take further steps to strengthen the protection of the rights of children and eliminate domestic violence. In this regard, we recommend Mauritius to finalize and adopt the Children's Bill agreed to during the previous UPR of 2013 and take measures to further strengthen legal mechanisms for the protection of the rights of child victims and child offenders.

Thank you