**U.S. Statement at the Universal Periodic Review of Mauritius**

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The United States welcomes the delegation of Mauritius to the UPR Working Group.

 We recommend that Mauritius:

1. Take effective measures to ensure accountability for abuses perpetrated by police, security forces, and other officials.
2. Hold accountable those responsible for acts of violence against women, including those responsible for domestic violence and sexual and gender-based violence.
3. Enforce laws penalizing officials for corruption, decreasing instances of impunity for abuses by officials and security forces and reinforcing a climate of accountability.

The United States is encouraged by the progress made by Mauritius in addressing abuses committed by security forces and implementing recommendations from the last UPR. This progress helps maintain genuinely free and fair elections and demonstrate a commitment strengthening human rights.

We remain concerned about corruption, continued abuses by security forces, including unjust arrests, abuse of suspects and detainees, harassment of journalists, lack of accountability in cases of violence against women, and impunity for these abuses.