

**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS & PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**

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**ET DES AUTRES ORGANISATIONS INTERNATIONALES**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW OF MALDIVES**

**04 NOVEMBER 2020 – 14 30 hrs**

Madam President,

The Mauritius delegation extends a warm welcome to the high level delegation of Maldives and congratulates it for its third cycle UPR.

Mauritius and Maldives share friendly relations and similar challenges as Small Islands Developing State (SIDS).

We, therefore, commend Maldives for its Climate Change Bill and the Climate Smart Resilience Islands Initiative that seek to build resilience.

In a constructive spirit, we recommend that Maldives:

1. takes steps for greater enrollment in higher secondary schools;
2. ratifies the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD); and
3. upholds its international human rights obligations specially as regards equal rights for all citizens.

We wish the delegation of Maldives a successful review. Thank you, Madam President.