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Dear Human Beings,
Madame Vice-President,
Dear delegation of Mauritius,
Excellency's,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear webcasters,
Good afternoon,

Mauritius celebrated last year 50 years of independence and also 50 years of human progress. These are largely reflected in this excellent UPR outcome.

We strongly congratulate Mauritius for integrating some peace and disarmament treaties in their report and presentations. For the progress of peace and for the full respect of the right to life, this is a practice we would also like to see undertaken by other States.

We are delighted by the fact that Mauritius has abolished the death penalty and commuted all sentences. However, we note an ambiguity between the Government's approval of a recommendation made by Ukraine to progress towards the abolition of the Death Penalty¹ and its refusal of the four ones² made for the ratification of optional protocol II of CCPR. We recall that it is a government's duty to show exemplarity and upmost dedication regarding respect of the right to life and that in doing so it shall lead public opinion, not be subject to it.

Similarly, we profoundly regret the noting of the three recommendations³ made for the ratification of the Convention on Enforced Disappearances. The convention has universal effects and contains provisions regarding cases beyond the national territory. We salute the fact that they are no disappearances cases in Mauritius, but the exception evoked here does not seem sufficient to us. We encourage Mauritius to show more solidarity on the issue.

Finally, may we ask to the delegation more precise information on when the Genocide convention will be ratified?

Mister (Madame) (Vice-) President, dear Friends, thank you for the progresses made towards the full respect of the right to life. Thank you for attention.

¹ 115.65.

² 115.2-6.

³ 115.7/11/13