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**Note verbale dated 30 May 2025 from the Permanent Mission of
Mauritius to the United Nations addressed to the President of the
General Assembly**

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations has the honour to refer to the candidature of the Republic of Mauritius to the Human Rights Council for the term 2026–2028, at the elections to be held in October 2025 in New York.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [60/251](#), the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations also has the honour to transmit herewith the voluntary pledges and commitments reaffirming that the promotion and protection of human rights are a priority of the foreign policy of the Republic of Mauritius (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations would be grateful to the President of the General Assembly if the present note and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Assembly, under agenda item 116 (c) of the preliminary list.

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Pledges and commitments pursuant to General Assembly resolution [60/251](#)

I. Introduction

1. The Republic of Mauritius, in its candidature for a seat on the Human Rights Council, reaffirms its unwavering commitment to uphold, promote and protect human rights, grounded in the principles of universality, indivisibility and equality, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and key international human rights treaties.
2. Since its independence, the Republic of Mauritius has been deeply committed to building a society based on democratic principles, good governance, rule of law and the protection of human rights.
3. The Constitution serves as the cornerstone of human rights protection and fundamental freedoms, namely, protection of the right to life, protection of the right to personal liberty, protection from slavery and forced labour, protection from inhuman treatment, protection from deprivation of property, the protection of the law, protection for the privacy of one's home and other property, protection of the freedom of conscience, protection of the freedom of expression, protection of the freedom of assembly and association, protection of the freedom to establish schools, protection of the freedom of movement and protection from discrimination.
4. The Republic of Mauritius is party to seven core United Nations treaties, five optional protocols, four multilateral treaties and four regional human rights instruments. It has enacted comprehensive legislation for the protection and promotion of human rights without discrimination and irrespective of their status.
5. Mauritius has been committed to universal and inclusive participation in the Human Rights Council. During its second term as a member of the Human Rights Council, in 2012, Mauritius, along with other small island developing States and some least developed countries, pioneered Human Rights Council resolution [19/26](#), establishing a Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund supporting the participation of least developed countries and small island developing States in the work of the Council. Today, more than 200 delegates from the eligible 73 least developed countries and small island developing States benefit from the Trust Fund.
6. In 2022, during the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, Mauritius tabled, on behalf of a cross-regional core group, a follow-up resolution to resolution [19/26](#). The commitment of Mauritius to the Trust Fund was reinforced as the resolution was co-sponsored by 177 countries: a historic record for any resolution in the Council.
7. The Government of Mauritius has also made voluntary contributions to the Voluntary Technical Assistance Trust Fund supporting the participation of the least developed countries and small island developing States in the work of the Council.
8. The Republic of Mauritius will be privileged to serve as a member of the Human Rights Council to advance initiatives that promote human rights and foster equality, justice and respect for human dignity, in close collaboration with civil society and regional and international organizations.

9. As part of its candidacy for a seat on the Human Rights Council, Mauritius undertakes the following pledges and commitments:

II. Involvement of the Republic of Mauritius with the Human Rights Council

- Promote constructive dialogue for the respect and fulfilment of human rights.
- Contribute to enhancing and work to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness and transparency of the Human Rights Council during its deliberations, negotiation of resolutions, debates and fulfilment of its mandate for the realization of human rights.
- Actively engage in the activities of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, by supporting its independence and proper functioning.
- Play a pivotal role in supporting the universal periodic review process by making realistic and achievable recommendations during the universal periodic review sessions.
- Engage meaningfully with civil society, youth and other stakeholders during our membership.

III. Involvement of the Republic of Mauritius at the international level

- Support initiatives to promote peace, democracy, human rights and cultural diversity.
- Continuously work towards achieving gender equality and the advancement of the rights of children, persons with disabilities and empowerment of women.
- As a small island developing State, Mauritius will remain steadfast in its actions in responding to the negative impact of climate change and environmental degradation by supporting multilateral cooperation for sustainable development and linking environment with human rights.
- Comply with all our obligations under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

IV. Advancing human rights at the national level

- Further strengthen its human rights framework through additional measures and reforms.
- Pursue its efforts in the promotion and protection of human rights by providing free public education, healthcare and social security benefits to our citizens.
- Continue in its efforts in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and combat all forms of violence.
- Continue to advocate the protection of the rights and equal participation of persons with disabilities and take concrete measures to alleviate challenges in accessibility.
- Pledge to combat trafficking in and exploitation of persons by taking appropriate measures to identify and provide assistance to victims of trafficking or exploitation.
- Guarantee and strengthen the independence of national human rights institutions through adequate resources and budgetary provision for the operation of the national human rights institutions and take appropriate measures to redress any human rights abuses.

- Consult relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations, in the preparation and formulation of human rights policies through the national mechanism for reporting and follow-up.
- Maintain its efforts in implementing, following up and reporting on measures taken from recommendations received from the universal review procedure, treaty bodies and special rapporteurs through open and constructive engagement at the national level with all stakeholders concerned, including non-governmental organizations.
- Consider amendments to the Constitution to better protect fundamental rights, including new generation rights relating to the environment, technology, health, education and other economic, social and cultural rights provided under international treaties, and to provide for the rights of Nature.
