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Mauritius Voluntary National Review (VNR) Very Well Received at the United Nations

The first VNR of Mauritius on the implementation of the United Nations (UN) 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development which was presented on Thursday 18 July 2019 by the Hon Nandcoomar Bodha, GCSK, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, was very well received at the UN Headquarters in New York.

2. The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mrs. Rhonda King, and a number of delegations, including Rwanda, India, Canada, Micronesia and Uruguay, congratulated Mauritius and commented positively on the successful implementation of a number of Goals under the UN 2030 Agenda and the presentation of its VNR.

3. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development encourages Member States to conduct, at national and sub-national level, regular and inclusive reviews of progress which are country-led and country-driven. The VNRs aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. They also seek to strengthen policies and institutions of governments and to mobilize multi-stakeholder support and partnerships for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

4. In his presentation, the Hon. Minister highlighted the progress made to date on the different SDGs while also underscoring the difficulties and challenges faced by Mauritius as a Small Island Developing State and a middle income country which is subjected to the effects of external economic shocks, natural calamities arising from climate change as well as our lack of natural resources and small internal market.

5. The report is accessible on the following link:
http://foreign.govmu.org/English/Documents/2019/Ministry/vnr/Final%20VNR/Mauritius%20VNR%20Report%202019.pdf. The video clip complementing the report is also available on the website of the Ministry.

6. The report was prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with significant contributions from the private sector, trade unions and civil society organisations, carrying forward the spirit of Lamé dans Lamé.

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