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Note No.11584/11

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and further to its Note dated 17 August 2011 has the honour to submit hereunder the views of the Government of Mauritius on Human Rights Council resolution 16/15 concerning the rights of persons with disabilities.

- (i) Question (1) - There are no restrictions whatsoever on the rights of persons with disabilities to vote and be elected.
- (ii) Question (2)- Mauritius have made voting procedures disabled friendly by putting up ramps in all polling stations, by providing booths to the height of wheelchairs and by amending the National Assembly Elections Regulations and the Municipal Elections Regulations to enable a disabled voter to be accompanied by a close relative in the exercise of his/her civic duty.
- (iii) Question 3(a) - Representation of persons with disabilities has increased in boards and bodies dealing with disability issues.
- (iv) Question 3(b) - Disabled Person's Organisations (DPOs) are provided grants by the NGO Trust Fund to carry out their activities.
- (v) Question 3(i) - Funding is provided to DPOs and Disability Activists to participate in international conferences relating to disability and UNCRPD.
- (vi) Question (4) - Disability activists and NGOs in the disability sector are represented in the National Implementation and Monitoring Committee on UNCRPD chaired by the Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity & Reform Institutions and it is also proposed to set up a National Advisory Task Force composed of persons with disabilities to advise on the implementation of the Convention.

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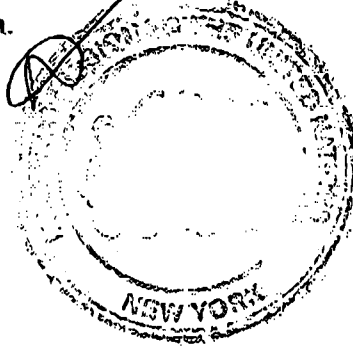
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- (vii) Question (5) - Statistics on this specific issue is not collected but encouragement is given in the public media to persons with disabilities to voice out their opinion and views on different issues.
- (viii) Question (6) - Government has signed MOUs with Leonard Cheshire Disability, Government of India, that of China and South Africa to promote the general rights and advancement of persons with disabilities.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.



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