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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honour to refer to its Note (Ref.CM/SL/is) dated 5 August 2010 regarding Human Rights Council Resolution 13/11 entitled "*Human rights of Persons with Disabilities: national implementation and monitoring and introducing as the theme for 2011 the role of international cooperation in support of national efforts for the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities*".

The Permanent Mission wishes to submit the following information regarding Mauritius in the context of the study, as requested for in the said Resolution:

1. Key Measures adopted at national level

- (i) Elaborating of a Policy Paper and Plan of Action on Disability;
- (ii) Networking with the Mauritius Employers' Federation to promote the employability of persons with disabilities;
- (iii) Adoption of a policy of inclusive education;
- (iv) Setting up of a database on disability;
- (v) Promulgation of accessibility regulations;
- (vi) Development of a Mauritian Sign Language;
- (vii) Organisation of respite care programmes/leisure activities for children with severe disabilities;
- (viii) Setting-up of a National Committee on the Implementation of the Convention;
- (ix) New social benefits for children with severe disabilities;
- (x) Free transport for persons with disabilities;
- (xi) Refund of taxi fare for disabled students attending university but who cannot travel by ordinary means of transport;
- (xii) Setting up a workshop for repair of wheelchairs ;
- (xiii) Provision of customized wheelchairs and other assistive devices to persons with disabilities; and
- (xiv) Mounting of sensitization campaigns.

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2. Budgetary Allocations

- (i) A budget of 1.5million Mauritian Rupees has been earmarked annually for activities relating to the implementation of the Convention.

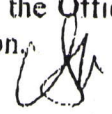
3. Challenges and obstacles

- (i) Attitudinal barriers;
- (ii) Disabled Person's Organizations are not well organized and they are few in number;
- (iii) Lack of trained resource persons; and
- (iv) Legislations have to be amended to bring them in line with the Convention.

4. Forums of International co-operation

- (i) Signing of agreements with international organizations like Leonard Cheshire Disability;
- (ii) Signing of MOU, for co-operation on the issue of disability with countries like India and South Africa;
- (iii) Working with UNDP and Commonwealth Secretariat;
- (iv) Participating in international conferences relating to the Convention; and
- (v) Working with African Union in the context of the African Decade of Disabled Persons.

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



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