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The Embassy and 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 (OHCHR) and has the honour to refer to its letter dated 30 January 2017 pursuant to resolution 27/12 on the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

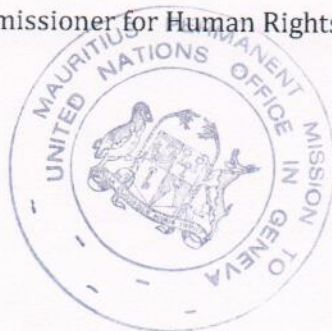
In this respect, the Permanent Mission wishes to attach herewith the inputs of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius with respect to a Midterm Progress report on the Implementation of the Third Phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education.

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

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Geneva, 12 October 2017

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
Palais des Nations
Geneva



INPUTS -

MIDTERM PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE THIRD PHASE OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME FOR HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION

- For the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education, COMSEC and PMO have collaborated closely to promote the teaching of Human Rights Education (HRE) in Mauritius. Since 2006 COMSEC has initiated several actions prior to the implementation of this project on a pilot basis. HRE has been introduced since January 2016, at grade I level in 30 Secondary schools including state, private schools and one REDCO school.
- COMSEC has proposed the curriculum material for teaching of HRE in Secondary schools of Mauritius. Topics on HRE has been integrated in the syllabus of Social Studies at Lower Secondary Level.
- A validation workshop was carried out in April 2015 to validate the Curriculum Material on HRE for Secondary Schools in Mauritius.
- Thirty schools which have been identified include schools from both urban and rural areas. They comprise boys' and girls' schools as well as mixed schools from Government and private schools.
- A toolkit for Educators was proposed by COMSEC to facilitate teaching of HRE in secondary schools. A capacity-building workshop for Educators from pilot schools has been conducted in January 2016 to better equip Educators to implement the project.
- The curriculum materials have been implemented in those 30 schools as from first term of 2016 and a feedback was provided to COMSEC. The toolkit has been reviewed. These 30 pilot schools are teaching HRE at grades 7 and 8.
- Through teaching of HRE students are sensitised on their rights and responsibilities. They acquired knowledge about UN Charter on Human Rights. Our students learn about human dignity, self-respect and respect for others.
- With the implementation of Nine Year Continuous Basic Education (NYCBE), the National Curriculum Framework for secondary schools is being reviewed. Topics on HRE will be included in the syllabus of Modern and Social Studies. HRW will be sustained in all schools of the Republic of Mauritius at lower secondary level, grades 7, 8 and 9.

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