**MAURITIAN government RESPONSE**

Call for Inputs: Report OF THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR on the independence of Judges and Lawyers

1. The rule of law and separation of powers are the pillars of any democratic society. In Mauritius, the separation of powers and the independence of the Judiciary are entrenched in the Constitution, which is the supreme law of our country. Moreover, the Constitution guarantees the independence and security of tenure of Judges.

2. Mauritius is a multicultural society composed of people from different origins. Members of the Judiciary come from all communities and different backgrounds. Judges and Magistrates are appointed and promoted by the Judicial and Legal Service Commission which is composed of the Chief Justice, the Senior Puisne Judge, the Chairperson of the Public Service Commission and a Judge or former Judge appointed by the President, acting in accordance with the advice of the Chief Justice.

3. Government invested massively in the modernisation of the judiciary. The administration and functioning of the courts have been subjected to a wide range of reforms to ensure an improved and faster administration of justice. ​

4. There is no evidence demonstrating that corporations, economic interest groups or wealthy individuals play an inappropriate role in judicial selection and promotion, and that judges are improperly motivated in a way that undermines their independence.

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