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Committee against Torture

**Concluding observations on the fourth periodic report of
Mauritius**

Addendum

**Information received from Mauritius on follow-up to the
concluding observations^{*}, ^{**}**

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1. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honor to refer to the Concluding Observations of the Committee Against Torture contained in CAT/C/MUS/CO/4 requesting information on the following recommendations:

- 24 (a), (b), (d) and (e);
- 30;
- 32.

2. In that regard, the Permanent Mission of Mauritius wishes to transmit the following information.

Recommendation 24

Subparagraph (a)

3. Since 01 June 2018, CCTV Cameras with audio recording have been installed in all Police Stations around the island and also at the Central Criminal Investigation Department. The system is fully operational and guidelines have been given to Police Officers for its effective use.

Subparagraph (b)

4. Scientific-led investigation is one of the main strategic objectives of the Mauritius Police Force. The services of Scene of Crime Officers are solicited in all important cases for securing forensic evidence on scenes of crime. These officers have been provided with tailor-made training and modern equipment so that they can fulfil their duties in a professional and efficient manner (Copy of Force Strategic Objective is put up at Annex A). Police Officers are trained to further enhance their investigations and detection skills with the adherence to established protocols among intervention units.

Subparagraph (c)

5. Provisions are being made in the draft Police and Criminal Justice Bill, which Bill is likely to be voted in the National Assembly shortly.

Subparagraph (d)

6. The State party is considering this recommendation.

Subparagraph (e)

7. Provisions have been made in the draft Police and Criminal Justice Bill that all statements will be video recorded. The Bill is expected to be voted in the National Assembly shortly.

Recommendation 30

8. A Committee on Capital Projects has been established to monitor improvements in material conditions in all prisons. For e.g. dormitories at Richelieu Open Prison have been refurbished, improved toilets and shower conditions are ongoing. A new high security Prison is operational since 2014 whereby state of the art facilities is in place, also catering for up to 1000 prisoners. This has also addressed the issue of overcrowding. An Open Prison for women and a Correctional Youth Centre for girls have been established in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

Recommendation 32

Subparagraph (a)

9. With the coming into operation of the Independent Police Complaints Commission Act 2016, investigation into cases of torture involving public officials are since April 2018 conducted by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Subparagraph (b)

10. The Independent Police Complaints Commission has been bestowed with powers of investigation (Copy of the relevant parts are enclosed at Annex B for ease of reference).

Subparagraph (c)

11. According to section 4 of the IPCC Act 2016, one of the functions of the Independent Police Complaints Commission is to investigate into any complaint made by any person or on his behalf against any act, conduct or omission of a police officer in the discharge of his functions, other than a complaint of an act of corruption or a money laundering offence and advise on ways in which any police misconduct may be addressed and eliminated (An extract of section 4 is enclosed at Annex B).

12. The Permanent Mission of Mauritius has the further honour to transmit the following information to the Committee Against Torture:

- recommendation 28 has already been implemented with the passing of the Judicial and Legal Provisions Act 2018;
- regarding recommendation 18, Mauritius does not propose to adhere to this recommendation for the time being;
- the remaining recommendations are under consideration and will be reported upon at the next review in 2021.

13. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations Office and other International Organization 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.
