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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 with reference to its Note Ref: HCDH/RRDD/WRGS dated 18 November 2015 pertaining to the Human Rights Council resolution 69/156 entitled "*Progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage*", has the honour to attach herewith the inputs on best practices aimed at ending, child early and forced marriage, from the Government of the Republic of Mauritius.

The 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 the assurances of its highest consideration.



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**The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
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UNGA Resolution 69/156 -

"Progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage"

Inputs on Best Practices aimed at ending, child, early and forced marriage

The Child Protection Act 1994 is the legal framework that acts as the basis for protection, rehabilitation and intervention in cases of children victims of violence and has, over the years, been amended to include other elements such as the foster care programme and child mentoring programme to provide for additional mechanisms for the protection of children.

Under the Act, a "child" is defined as "any unmarried person under the age of 18". The minimum marriage age is 16 according to article 145 of the "Code Civil Mauricien", wherein it is possible for a minor to marry with the consent of his parents or with the permission of the Judge in Chambers where it is in the interest of the minor to do so.

Ongoing campaigns on the provisions of the legislation are carried out by the National Children's Council (NCC) at the level of schools in School Child Protection Children's Clubs, and in deprived areas through "Ecole des Parents" with a view to preventing and ending child, early and forced marriage.