

## **PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION**

B/856 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr. Jhuboo**)

*To ask the Honourable Attorney General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights, and Institutional Reforms –*

**Whether, he will state if he has taken cognizance of the United Nations Human Rights Report 2017 with regard to racial discrimination and, if so, indicate the stand of Mauritius in relation thereto?**

## **MATERIAL FOR REPLY**

The Honourable Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms has already taken due note of the Concluding Observations adopted by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination following the review of Mauritius before the said Treaty Body on 14 and 15 August 2018 at its ninety-sixth session in Geneva, Switzerland and has informed Cabinet of same on 21 September 2018. It has been decided that the Concluding Observations would be disseminated to relevant stakeholders including civil society, non-governmental organisations and Ministries through the National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-Up which is chaired by the Honourable Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL**

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination considered the combined 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> periodic reports of Mauritius, submitted in one document, at its 2658<sup>th</sup> and 2659<sup>th</sup> meetings, held on 14 and 15 August 2018. The Concluding Observations were adopted by the Committee on 24 August 2018. A copy of the Concluding Observations is at Annex.
  
2. The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up is a standing permanent Government structure set up under the aegis of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms with a mandate to –
  - (a) coordinate and prepare reports to and engage with international and regional human rights mechanisms including treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and special procedures;
  
  - (b) coordinate and track national follow-up and implementation of the treaty obligations and recommendations/decisions emanating from these mechanisms.
  
3. The National Mechanism for Reporting and Follow-up performs these functions in coordination with Ministries, the Judiciary as well as in consultation with national human rights institutions and civil society. It is chaired by the Honourable Attorney-General, Minister of Justice, Human Rights and Institutional Reforms.