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Dear Friends, dear Human Beings,
Mister/Madam President,
Dear delegation of Mauritius
Excellency's,
Ladies and gentlemen,
Good morning,

Happy Birthday dear Mauritius, half a century of independence!
50 years of success and progress. Mauritius proves it, shows the example: development can lead to success and dignity, for each and all.

Of course, there is still work ahead, but the Center for Global Nonkilling, a congregation of persons and scholars working to create societies that do not kill will, modestly, help you!

The convention on the prevention and the punishment of the crime of genocide should urgently be ratified.

No one should ever have to argue on genocide prevention.

Genocide is such an atrocious thing that all we should do, universally and together, is act to prevent it.

In its national report, Mauritius stated that being part of the Rome Statute is sufficient or equivalent to ratifying the convention on Genocide. We disagree, we would prefer to see both done. The convention has somehow a different scope, different parties and legal obligations, including a wider procedure.

And it is symbolically important to ratify it, including, on the 70th anniversary of the convention. By ratifying it, Mauritius will lead the example for the 45 other countries still in need to do so.

The abolition of the death penalty is to be finalized.

A law was passed to abolish death penalty in 1995, but changing the constitution and ratifying ccpr-op II is still to be done.

Worse, the constitution of Mauritius contains dispositions that could be understood as easily avoiding accountability in cases of abuse of the use of force. We recall that force should be used in a manner guaranteeing the right to life and in this regard prevention, precaution and non-violence are fundamental values and essential methods needed for exemplarity and respect of the right to life.

We would like to see the constitution of Mauritius proposing the enhancement of life, rather than exceptions allowing its breach.

While revising the constitution, it is important to improve **direct participation rights**, such as constitutional and legal referendums.

The convention on enforced disappearances should be ratified. Your report says you are not planning to do so, but they are advantages at ratifying it, including the participation in world where we are all accounted for, in loving respect.

The right life

The following graph shows the situation of the right to life in Mauritius. On in all, it is rather good. We have some reports of illegal abortion, more prevention should be done to avoid these and some efforts should be made to avoid missing data on birth registration and more shall be done for reporting to the WHO on violence prevention.

The right to life in Mauritius				
	Mauritius	World average or reference	SDG reference	Local prevention program
Reproductive rights	Yes		3.7	Yes
Prenatal and genetic engineering	No info	To be adressed	N/A	
Abortion	Yes, conditionally	No world data	3.7	Could be better
Birth registration	Data missing UNICEF		16.9	
Child Mortality	12.2 /1000	40.8 / 1000	3.2	(25 / 1000)
Maternal mortality	53 / 100,000	213 / 100,000	3.1	(70 / 100,00)
Traffic related deaths	12.3 / 100,000	17.4 / 100,000	3.6	SDG 3.6: halve by 2020
Suicides	9.3 / 100,000	10.7 / 100,000	3.4	Yes (more male victims)
Assisted suicide	Moderate		N/A	
Violence prevention	No info	WHO 2014 violence prevention report	16.1	Local Report Missing
Homicide	2.6 / 100,000	5.7 /100,000	16.1	
Life expectancy	74.6 (F 77.8, M 71.4)	70.5 (F. 72.8, M. 68.4)	N/A	

The right to peace

There are good reasons for *comprehensive peace policies* to be implemented in Mauritius: the country has no army, it is a multi-ethnic society and it has approved the UN General Assembly resolution on the right to peace in 2016 (A/RES/71/189).

Some peace and disarmament treaties still need to be ratified (the list is in our submission).

Internal peaceful settlement of disputes, mediation, should be given much more attention in Mauritius and become a regular practice.

It would be nice to see a peace fund set up.

And finally to promote and overview, to report on the progress of peace in Mauritius, a peace ministry should be established.

Madam / Mister President, dear Friends, thank you for attention and for your participation, through the progress of the rights to life and peace.

I wish you all a happy future and please ask many questions.

Welcome to Geneva and please enjoy Switzerland.