Mr Chairman,

Mauritius fully supports the peaceful applications of nuclear technology in important sectors such as human health, agriculture, animal husbandry and food security and safety.

Mauritius hosted the IAEA Task Force Meeting for the Formulation of the Regional Strategic Cooperative Framework in March 2018.

The main objective of the meeting was to develop strategic programmes focusing on the key priority areas of human health, food and agriculture and radiation safety, and assessing how these priorities will play a critical role in enhancing African Member States capacity to benefit from nuclear science and technology. Some 40-50 African and non-African experts, including IAEA staff were present at the meeting.

The hosting of the Meeting shows our commitment towards enhancing the regulatory framework under the African Regional Co-operative Agreement for Research Development and Training related to Nuclear Science and Technology.
Following the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister announced that Mauritius would be updating its local legislations in accordance with IAEA standards and norms in respect of the peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

Mr Chairman,

On another note, the President of the Republic of Mauritius was the Guest of Honour and participated in the International Conference on the Technical Cooperation Programme: Sixty Years and Beyond Contributing to Development, at the invitation of the Director General of the IAEA, Mr Yukiya Amano, from 30 May to 01 June 2017 in Vienna.

Mr Chairman

Mauritius looks forward to expanding its cooperation and collaboration with IAEA on the peaceful uses of nuclear technology through national, regional and international engagement.

I thank you for your attention.