Monsieur le President,

Deprime abord permettez moi d’exprimer la solidarité de la nation mauricienne au gouvernement et au peuple Francais face à la souffrance subie durant attentat de Paris.

M. President,
We submitted our National Contribution (INDC) at COP 21 with the firm conviction to get the support that will be absolutely essential in terms of financing, technology transfers and capacity-building to deal with painful and expensive consequences that our country is currently experiencing the effects of climate change.

Such expenses are well above our current means. For example, we need to relocate entire communities threatened by the rising waters. Right now, we are planning the relocation of an agglomeration called Riviere des Galets, hit hard by the rising ocean and storm surges, but there are other places where this type of costly operation will be necessary.

In terms of waste, we have a pressing need to finance a plan we have already conceived to achieve zero waste in five years, since our only landfill has no more space for burying waste indiscriminately without worsening environmental problems, and our territory is too
small to create more landfills. We need funds immediately to set up and equip with the latest technologies, waste transfer centers, as well as install equipment to separate, recycle and dispose of biomass, e-waste and other toxic wastes, and use a large proportion of waste for a 'Waste-to-Energy' project. The funds needed for such a project are staggering for any small island state like Mauritius.

The threats are many on all fronts: Supercyclones with winds up to 300 km/h around their center; deadly flash floods; landslides; threat of earthquakes with four seismic shocks recorded in a month, ongoing destruction of our coral by climatic factors including El Nino/ La Nina; and these are just a few of the serious risks we are facing, while not being one of those states that are major polluters of the planet.

In view of the impending threat to life and property, and the means of livelihood of vulnerable communities Mauritius is diverting funds for dealing with the impacts of climate change to attain resilience. Instead of dealing with important sustainable goals, alleviation of poverty and food security to ensure national sustainable development. It is high time for those industrialized and developed countries to contribute without restraint to empower those vulnerable countries like Mauritius for whose
vulnerabilities that they have contributed through unrestraint emissions.

COP 21 is the historic international Forum that has brought together 196 Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to deal with the urgency imposed threatening the very existence of our only planet.

We have equally launched a historic greening of the planet through greening of Mauritius with the plantation of some 2 billion plants involving 8 Ministries and the whole population has been involved for the planting of one hundred trees per year for a period of 10 years, thus contributing to make trees act as a sink for CO2 emission and also for reducing rise in temperature and other environmental benefits. Distribution of 800,000 medicinal plants is projected to combat diabetes and fever.

Mauritius has equally embarked on important waste to energy project to get rid of its landfill site at Mare Chicose with emission neutral and zero waste. In the same breast important recycling project has been initiated with the conversion of 70 thousand tons of flyash with a carbon burnout system, to 52 thousand tons of green cement with a saving of 25,000 tons of CO2 as well as the use of a cluster sustainable
development programme for the use of all elements of the sugarcane for the production of green energy, sugar, alcohol, ethanol and bio fertilizer.

Important infrastructural work has been done to prove our goodwill and savoir-faire in the creation of a multifaceted 3 level beach front that encompasses environmental biodiversity, greening strategy with the plantation of coconut trees and other plants known to mitigate global warning and beach erosion and to sustain our tourism industry.

All of us have taken the initiative to come to Paris, a proverbial and historic venue for deciding the future of mankind, with lots of hopes and expectations for the population of the entire universe. We have no doubt that we can rely on the sense of belonging, equity and fairness of industrialized and developed countries to come to terms with the urgency imposed by climate change.

Mr President, I will conclude by insisting on the fact that this conference can only be a success if, and only if, all the salient issues raised by the SIDS (AOSIS), LDCs, Africa and the Group of 77 and China are addressed comprehensively with heart and minds for future generations.