**CLOSING CEREMONY**

**Mr. A. Raouf GULBUL (Chairperson LRC Mauritius)**

I thank all the delegates who have made the trip from their respective countries, 10 countries in all, to attend this conference. The Mauritius Law Reform Commission organized its first International Conference. And we had a very fitting theme, it’s the role of Law Reform in Development. We have had two days of intensive, at times, described as provocative and educative, on the subject matter we discussed. It’s been enriching for each and every one of us I’m sure, so that when we go back to our respective countries, we’ll say we have learned from other jurisdictions within our region.

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the Chief Executive Officer of the Law Reform Commission of Mauritius, Board members, the Legal Researchers and all my staff for the efforts they have put in, their dedication as well, to ensure that this conference is a success. I’ll invite you to give them a big round of applause ladies and gentlemen.

We have had many distinguished guests among us. We know in Mauritius it is not easy for the DPP to give two days of his time to come and attend a conference, but he did it. And he gave us a very good lecture, I’m saying, this contributed a lot towards reforming, what I have also always said, the law of evidence in Mauritius. This will go a long way, in what we all aim at, the interest of justice. Thank you Mr. Director. Thank you all, thank you all. I will not keep you long. Our next conference I think is some time at the end of this year in Kenya. We will meet again. I’m sure the other conference will be as enriching as this one.

I will not ask you to sing the Auld Lang Syne before we go. Let me just say our time is over. Let’s close the ceremony and I invite you all for lunch.

Thank you.