

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON SOUTH AFRICA ON
31 MAY 2012**

Madam President,

1 We take note of the emphasis placed by the Government of South Africa on education and skills development. The enrolment in primary education has reached almost 100% and efforts are being made to increase access to higher education, especially for the poor. We **recommend** that South Africa continues its efforts to improve its education system and provide skills development programmes especially for youths.

2 As South Africa has pointed out in its national report, the high prevalence of HIV/AIDS continues to be a challenge. We note that the Government has implemented several programmes and strategies such as the Comprehensive HIV and AIDS Treatment and Prevention Programme which amongst others, aims to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV. We **recommend** that South Africa maintains and further builds upon its HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programmes.

3 In conclusion, we thank South Africa for its positive engagement in the UPR process and wish it continued success in enhancing human rights.

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