

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE  
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)  
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON GHANA  
ON 23 OCTOBER 2012  
(1min 31s)**

Madam President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Ghana and congratulates Ghana for its progress in promoting the enjoyment of human rights of its people. In particular, we note its achievements in the area of education, where over 95% of Ghanaian children receive education in school, one of the highest school enrollment rates in Africa, according to the UNICEF. Progress has also been made in achieving gender parity among high school students and increasing female enrolment at the tertiary level over the last few years. Singapore **recommends** that Ghana continues to place emphasis on promoting universal access to education and improving the quality of its education system.

The high prevalence rate of HIV and AIDS has left many children orphaned or under the care of sick parents, younger siblings and other relatives. We note Ghana's success in lowering the adult HIV prevalence from 1.7% in 2009 to 1.5% in 2011, making it one of the five countries in the sub-Saharan region where the HIV prevalence has declined by more than 25% between 2001 and 2010. We **recommend** that Ghana continues to implement its HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programmes to further reduce the prevalence.

In conclusion, we thank Ghana for its positive engagement in the UPR process and join its many friends in wishing the country well.