

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON ZAMBIA ON 30
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Madam President,

Singapore takes note of the efforts by the Government of Zambia to improve the quality of life of its people, especially in the rural areas. While challenges remain, we note that progress has been made in various areas, particularly in the promotion of gender balance as well as education and skill development.

We note that the passage of the Anti Gender Based Violence Act in 2011 has helped to strengthen the legislative framework to protect women against violence and to improve the environment in which women can live and work safely and contribute to Zambia's national development. The UN Gender Based Violence Programme jointly launched by the Government and the UN in July 2012 has also contributed to the reduction of gender based violence in Zambia through the strengthening of national and local institutions. Singapore **recommends** that Zambia, with the cooperation of the relevant UN agencies, continue to enhance the protection of women against gender-based violence.

Singapore also notes that concerted efforts have been made to tackle the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Zambia. These included interventions to prevent sexual transmissions of HIV in the family setting and integrate prevention in all aspects of the health care settings. As a result of these intensified prevention efforts, there has been a reduction of HIV prevalence from 16.1% in 2007 to 14.3% in 2009, thus enabling Zambia to meet the MDG target on HIV/AIDS prevalence. Singapore

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recommends that Zambia, with the support of the WHO and other relevant international organizations, continues its programmes and interventions to reduce the HIV/AIDS infections among its people.

In conclusion, we join many friends of Zambia in wishing the country success.

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