

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON BURUNDI ON 24
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[Speaking time: 1 min 40 sec]

Mr President,

Singapore expresses its appreciation to the delegation of Burundi for its presentation and takes positive note of the Government's commitment to promote the enjoyment of human rights of its people. The ongoing legislative and institutional reforms underscore the Government's emphasis on the rule of law in promoting respecting for human rights and bringing about sustainable economic development and social stability. Singapore **recommends** that Burundi continues to strengthen its domestic legal framework to enhance the rule of law and increase the capacity of its law enforcement agencies.

As Burundi has highlighted in its national report, children are the country's future. We take positive note of the various legislative and administrative measures which Burundi has implemented to protect children from human rights violation and exploitation. These include those covered under the national action plan to eliminate the worst form of child labour and national strategy to prevent and combat the phenomenon of street children. Singapore **recommends** that Burundi, in cooperation with UNICEF and relevant UN agencies, continues to strengthen its domestic framework to enhance the protection and well-being of children.

In conclusion, we join the many friends of Burundi in wishing the country well.