

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE  
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)  
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON SERBIA ON 30 JAN  
2013**

[Speaking time: 1 min 50 s]

Mr President,

1 Singapore takes note of the progress that Serbia has made in promoting and protecting human rights. An area which Serbia has made notable achievement is its judicial reform to provide better protection of the citizens without discrimination. We **recommend** that Serbia continues to enhance its judicial system and ensure respect for the rule of law.

2 Serbia has also placed much emphasis on efforts to combat violence against women. We note that the Government has adopted several legislations and policies to criminalise violence against women. Remedies are also being provided through cooperation among ministries dealing with social policy, justice, internal affairs and health. Singapore **recommends** that Serbia continues its efforts to combat violence against women and promote gender equality.

3 Singapore joins the other friends of Serbia in wishing it success in further promoting and protecting human rights.

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