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**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON CAMEROON ON 1
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[Speaking time: 1 min 11s]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Cameroon and congratulates Cameroon for its progress in promoting the enjoyment of the human rights of its people. In particular, we take positive note of its efforts in improving access to education. We also note the increase in enrollment at public and private secondary schools as well as the opening of more universities to broaden opportunities for higher education. Singapore **recommends** that Cameroon 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 Cameroon's success in implementing the National Strategic Plan for the Fight against HIV/AIDS and STIs which has brought down the HIV prevalence from 5.5% in 2004 to 4.3% in 2012. We **recommend** that Cameroon continues to implement its HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programmes to further reduce the prevalence rate.

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

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