

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE  
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)  
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON TUVALU ON 24 APRIL  
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[Speaking time: 2 mins]

Mr President,

Singapore recognises the challenges faced by Tuvalu, a small island developing state, in its development. Despite these challenges, we note that Tuvalu has made significant progress in the promotion and protection of human rights. Since its last review in 2009, we note that Tuvalu has taken concrete steps to promote women's rights and to implement its obligations under CEDAW. The Tuvalu National Women's Policy contains a comprehensive approach to strengthen the protection of women against violence and to support their participation in the economy and public sector. The Government is also currently working on the passage of the Family Protection and Domestic Violence Bill which will further enhance the legislative framework for the protection of women. Singapore **recommends** that Tuvalu, with assistance from the UN Women and other relevant organizations, continues to combat violence against women and promote gender equality.

A major current challenge faced by Tuvalu is the effects of climate change, which have severely impacted on its people, including their access to food, safe drinking water as well as adequate housing and arable land. We note the Government's efforts in preparing a comprehensive National Adaptation Programme of Action (NAPA) to address these challenges. The Government has also been active in engaging international organizations to seek their support for the implementation of its NAPA and to raise international awareness of the need for a concerted effort to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Singapore **recommends** that Tuvalu, with assistance from UNDP, the Global Environment Fund and other relevant international stakeholders, continues to implement its NAPA to

address the impacts of climate change.

In conclusion, we thank Tuvalu for its active engagement in the UPR process and wish it success.

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