

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
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Mr President,

Singapore takes positive note of China's progress in strengthening its domestic framework for the promotion and protection of human rights. We note from its national report that 60 judicial reforms have been completed. The Third Five-Year Reform Outline for the People's Courts in March 2009 has also proposed several reforms, of which 113 have been implemented. Singapore **recommends** that China continues its efforts to strengthen the judicial system to enhance public security and the rule of law.

Improved education of its people will contribute to China's long-term economic growth. We note that the Government has placed strong emphasis on improving the education infrastructure and facilities, including in the rural, inland, western and ethnic minority areas. Since the implementation of the nine-year compulsory education system in 2011, school enrolment has also improved. Singapore **recommends** that China continues to improve its education system and access to quality education for its people.

In conclusion, we join the many friends of China in wishing the country continued success in promoting and protecting human rights.