

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON MAURITIUS ON 23
OCTOBER 2013**

[Speaking time: 1 min 40sec]

Mr President,

Despite the challenges faced by Mauritius as a Small Island Developing State, Mauritius has made good progress in advancing the human rights of its citizens.

We take positive note of Mauritius's efforts in the protection and promotion of children's rights. In particular, we note the Government's efforts in eliminating all forms of exploitation and abuse against children. This includes tightening the enforcement of sanctions against child labour in both the formal and informal sectors. The Government has also set up a special government unit to provide victims of child abuse psychotherapy and shelters. We **recommend** that Mauritius continues its efforts to enhance the protection of children and improve their well-being.

Singapore also takes positive note of Mauritius's emphasis on promoting gender equality and combating gender-based violence. We note the setting up of the National Platform to end Gender Based Violence in October 2011 to enhance national coordination to end gender-based violence in Mauritius. We also note that 25% of the recommendations under the National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence for 2012-2015 have already been implemented. Singapore **recommends** that Mauritius continues its effort to implement the National Action Plan to End Gender Based Violence and to further promote gender equality.

In conclusion, we thank Mauritius for its positive engagement in the UPR process and join its many friends in wishing it success in promoting and protecting human rights.