

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON NIGERIA ON 22
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Mr President,

Singapore takes positive note of Nigeria's progress in the promotion of gender equality, judicial reforms and public healthcare. As a State Party to CEDAW, Nigeria has been making efforts in strengthening its national legislative framework to protect women against violence and discrimination. We also note the setting up of government funds to support women's participation in business and public office. Skill development centres have also been established to provide training for women to improve their skills and employability. Singapore **recommends** that Nigeria continues to enhance gender equality and the empowerment of women..

Singapore also notes the efforts in improving access to public healthcare in Nigeria. Under the National Strategic Health Development Plan for 2010 to 2015, the Government has implemented several policies to reduce maternal and child mortality. The Government has also doubled the funding of activities to eradicate polio and implemented programmes to reduce HIV/AIDS prevalence. Singapore **recommends** that Nigeria, with the support of the WHO and other relevant international organizations, continues to improve access to quality healthcare by its people.

In conclusion, we join many friends of Nigeria in wishing the country success.