

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON SENEGAL ON 21 OCTOBER 2013**

[Speaking time: 1 minute 20 sec]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Senegal and congratulates Senegal for its progress in promoting the human rights of its people. In particular, we note the increase in the number of schools and the significant improvement in enrollment rate. Children have also benefitted from the decisions to implement the policy of compulsory education for ten years and the substantial increase in budget allocated for education. Singapore **recommends** that Senegal, in cooperation with UNESCO and other relevant international organisations, continues to promote universal access to education and improve the quality of its education system.

Singapore also notes the efforts of the Government in enhancing the protection of children through the strict enforcement of the Criminal Code and the implementation of the National Strategy for Social Protection. The Government has also implemented an extension programme which focuses on the training of judges, court officers and social workers in strengthening child protection. Singapore **recommends** that Senegal continues to strengthen its domestic legislation and policies to better protect children against abuses and exploitation.

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