

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON CHILE ON 28 JANUARY 2014**

Mr President,

Singapore notes Chile's progress in combating domestic violence through the enactment of laws and setting up of re-education centres for men who resort to violence at home. The Government has also set up shelters to provide support for the victims and help them rebuild their lives. Significant progress has also been made in the empowerment of Chilean women, which is reflected by the increased number of female leaders in the business and public sectors. Singapore **recommends** that Chile continues to improve its domestic system to protect women against violence and promote gender equality.

Singapore also welcomes the strong emphasis that Chile places on realizing the right to education. We note the significant increase in the Government's education budget. Notably, enrolment rate for basic education in the rural areas has reached a high 94 per cent. Efforts are also being made to establish a national system to ensure the quality of pre-school, basic and intermediate-level education. Singapore **recommends** that Chile, in cooperation with UNESCO, continues to promote access to quality education for all.

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

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