

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON COMOROS ON 31 JANUARY 2014**

Mr President,

Singapore extends a very warm welcome to the delegation of Comoros and thanks them for their presentation. We note Comoros' progress in promoting and protecting human rights since its last review in 2009. In particular, we note the numerous government projects and programmes to reduce maternal and child mortality and to improve access to health care services, especially for children. New medical facilities such as hospitals and dialysis centres have also been built with international support. Singapore **recommends** that Comoros, in cooperation with relevant international organisations, continues to improve its people's access to quality and affordable health care.

Singapore also notes Comoros's progress in realizing the right to education as reflected by the increased school enrolment rate. The Government has also shown its commitment to improve the national education system by preparing a report on the subject in cooperation with UNESCO and UNICEF in 2012 and an overall plan for education for 2015-2020. Singapore **recommends** that Comoros, with support from the relevant international organisations, continues to implement its education programme to ensure access to quality education for all.

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

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