

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON ERITREA ON 3 FEBRUARY 2014**

Mr President,

Singapore notes Eritrea's commitment to achieve the Millennium Development Goals which in turn has improved the enjoyment of human rights of its people. In particular, we note that it has achieved significant results in combating HIV/AIDS and malaria, and reducing the child mortality rate. According to its report, HIV/AIDS prevalence is currently at a low 0.9 per cent while routine immunization programmes by the Government has helped to reduce under-five mortality by 57.4 per cent between 1990 and 2010. Under the National Health Policy, 60 per cent of the Eritrean population have access to health care within 5 km. Singapore **recommends** that Eritrea, in cooperation with the WHO, continues to improve its domestic healthcare system and provide quality healthcare services to its people.

Singapore also notes Eritrea's efforts in promoting gender equality. We note the significant increase in the number of women who have benefitted from government-funded micro credit schemes to set up small businesses or commercial enterprises. We also note the vocational training and skill upgrading opportunities that are available to women in Eritrea. Singapore **recommends** that Eritrea continues its efforts to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women.

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