

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP  
SESSION ON URUGUAY ON 29 JANUARY 2014**

Mr President,

Singapore notes Uruguay's progress in the promotion and protection of human rights since its last review in 2009. In particular, we note its significant efforts in the protection of women against domestic violence and combating human trafficking. Various legislations have been enacted since 2009 to enhance the domestic legal system to protect women and girls in this respect. The government-funded National Institute for Women has also provided timely support, shelter and legal assistance to female victims of violence and trafficking. Singapore **recommends** that Uruguay continues to enhance the protection of women against violence and to promote greater gender equality.

Singapore also notes Uruguay's efforts in improving the well-being of children and protecting them against exploitation. In particular, we commend the Government for implementing the family allowance system which have helped many low-income families and reduced the number of street children significantly. We also note the setting up of various National Committees to address the issue of child labour in specific sectors such as waste collection and sorting. Singapore **recommends** that Uruguay continues its efforts to eradicate child labour and ensure access to quality education for all children.

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

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