

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE  
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[Speaking time: 1 min 25s]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of the DPRK to the UPR in Geneva. We note that the Government has indicated in the national report its commitment and efforts to protect and promote human rights. In this regard, several laws have been passed over the last few years to strengthen the legislative framework. We also note that the DPRK has signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2013 and is working towards its ratification. Singapore **recommends** that the DPRK continues to strengthen its domestic legal framework and implement its international human rights obligations.

At the same time, we also recognise the challenges which the DPRK faces in development and in improving the well being of its people. We hope that the DPRK will continue to engage the international community to overcome these challenges, particularly in addressing the humanitarian concerns. In this regard, we **recommend** that the DPRK continues its cooperation and dialogue with the relevant international organisations with the aim to address the socio-economic needs of its people.

We join the many friends of the DPRK in wishing it success.

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