

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE  
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[Speaking time: 2mins]

Mr President,

Singapore recognises the challenges faced by Dominica as a Small Island Developing State. Nevertheless, despite these challenges, Dominica has made progress in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Singapore takes positive note of the Government's achievements in improving public health. We note that the under-five mortality rate per 1000 live births has decreased from 13.1 in 2010 to 12.6 in 2012. Over 90% of the population has access to improved drinking water. Government-funded health care clinics around the island also provide its people access to basic health care services. Singapore **recommends** that Dominica, in cooperation with the WHO, continues to improve its national health care system and ensure access to quality health care for all.

Singapore also notes the Government's emphasis on promoting gender equality and combat gender-based violence. We note that the domestic legislative framework to protect women against violence is in place. The Government's Bureau of Gender Affairs has also made significant progress in promoting an integrated approach, which includes both government bodies and NGOs, to respond effectively to gender-based violence and in providing counseling services for women, men and families. Singapore **recommends** that Dominica continues its efforts in eliminating violence against women and girls to provide a safe living environment for them.

We join the many friends of Dominica in wishing the country success.

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