

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
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[Speaking time: 1 min 35s]

Mr President,

Singapore takes positive note of Bolivia's firm commitment and progress to combat violence against women and promote gender equality, starting with the declaration of 25 November as the National Day against All Forms of Violence against Women, to the passage of a number of domestic legislations such as the Comprehensive Act on guaranteeing a life free of violence for women in 2013 and the Gender-based Political Harassment and Violent Act in 2012 to strengthen the legal protection of women from violence and abuses. We also note that efforts have been made to promote gender equality in employment and leadership positions. More than a third of the Cabinet posts are held by women. Women have also been promoted to Brigadier General and General rank in the army and police respectively. Singapore **recommends** that Bolivia continues to implement policies to protect women against violence and promote gender equality.

Corruption undermines Governments' ability to implement policies and programmes effectively to improve the well-being of the people. In this regard, we take positive note of Bolivia's serious efforts in preventing and combating corruption. We note that progress has been made by the National Anti-Corruption Council in the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Plan, as indicated in its national report. Noticeably the Government was able to recover more than US\$110 million during the period from 2006 to 2013. Singapore **recommends** that Bolivia continues its efforts to combat corruption and strengthen the rule of law.

We join the many friends of Bolivia in wishing the country success in its efforts.