

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON EL SALVADOR ON 27 OCTOBER 2014**

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[Speaking time: 2 mins]

Mr President,

Singapore takes note of the efforts by El Salvador in the promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, we note the Government's emphasis on protecting women against violence under the legal framework of the Special Act on a Violence-Free Life for Women. We take positive note of the amendments to the Criminal Code to enhance protection of women and children from domestic violence. We also note the creation of the Special Technical Commission to oversee the implementation of the relevant laws and policies, and the special support units for women in a number of government agencies including the National Civil Police, Ministry of Health and Secretariat for Social Inclusion. Singapore **recommends** that El Salvador continues to implement legal and administrative measures to protect women and girls from domestic and sexual violence.

Child labour can place children at risk and deprive them of the opportunity for education and a better life in the future. In this regard, Singapore takes positive note of the Government's efforts in developing the "Road map to make El Salvador a country free from the worst forms of child labour" in 2010. We also welcome the Ministerial Decision in 2011 by the Ministry of Labour and Social Security which listed the hazardous activities and work that would not be carried out by children and adolescents. Singapore **recommends** that El Salvador, in cooperation with UNICEF and relevant international organisations, continues its efforts to eradicate child labour.

In conclusion, we thank El Salvador for its positive engagement in the UPR process and join its many friends in wishing the country success in its continued efforts to promote and protect human rights.