

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
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Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Iran to the UPR process and expresses appreciation for the national report which detailed Iran's implementation of the accepted recommendations from the last review. We note that since its last review, Iran had signed the CRC Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict. This is in addition to the number of core human rights instruments which it had already ratified. Over the last few years, it has also passed several domestic laws to strengthen its legislative framework on human rights. Singapore **recommends** that Iran continues to strengthen its domestic legal framework and implement its international human rights obligations.

At the same time, we also note the challenges which Iran faces in development and in improving the well being of its people. We hope that Iran will continue to engage the international community to overcome these challenges. In this regard, we **recommend** that Iran continues the international cooperation and dialogue with the aim to improve the socio-economic circumstances of its people.

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