

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
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Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of San Marino and notes San Marino's progress in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Domestic violence affects not only women but also the children. In regard, we take positive note of the importance which San Marino places on combating domestic violence. Since the last review, the San Marino Authority for Equal Opporunitites has played an important role in enforcing the Law on "Prevention and elimination of violence against women and gender violence" and implementing the Decree 97 to provide assistance to victims of violence. Besides prevention projects, the Authority has also promoted public awareness of the services available to victims of domestic violence including shelter. We also note that a technical institutional panel of experts has been set up in 2012 to improve coordination among different agencies in addressing domestic violence. Singapore **recommends** that San Marino continues its effort to combat domestic violence and promote gender equality.

Singapore also takes positive note of San Marino's efforts to build an inclusive society for persons with disabilities. We note the ongoing efforts by the Government to draft a Framework Law on disability, to strengthen the implementation of its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. There are also efforts to prepare Decrees on specific policy themes, such as the elimination of architectural barriers, job placement, health and social inclusion to protect the rights of persons with disabilities. Singapore **recommends** that San Marino continues to enhance its domestic policies and laws to further develop an inclusive living environment for persons with disabilities

Singapore joins the other friends of San Marino in wishing it success in further promoting and protecting human rights.