## STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP SESSION ON GUINEA ON 20 JANUARY 2015

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Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Guinea to Geneva. We commend Guinea for its construtive engagement in the UPR process.

Order and the rule of law are important pre-requisites for the promotion and protection of human rights. We take positive note of Guinea's efforts to strengthen capacity in the country's justice system. We note that Guinea has undertaken training and awareness-raising programmes for the judiciary and security forces. Singapore **recommends** that Guinea continues its efforts to strengthen the rule of law and good governance.

Singapore notes the efforts that Guinea has taken to promote equality in health, notwithstanding the current challenges arising from the Ebola crisis. Singapore **recommends** that Guinea, with the support of the international community, continue to strenghten the provision of healthcare services to its people, particularly women and children. Singapore will continue to work with key international partners such as the WHO to assist in the global effort to combat the Ebola outbreak.

In conclusion, we join the many friends of Guinea in wishing the country success in promoting and protecting human rights.