## STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE 21<sup>ST</sup> UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP SESSION ON GUYANA ON 28 JANUARY 2015

[Speaking time: 2 min]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation from Guyana to the 21<sup>st</sup> session of the UPR Working Group.

Singapore welcomes Guyana's efforts to invest in the health sector to improve the lives of its people. We note that Guyana is implementing the Maternal, Peri-natal Strategy and Integrated Child Health Strategy 2011-2015 and has increased the number of births attended to by skilled health personnel. Singapore **recommends** that Guyana continues to implement measures to strengthen public health services to all its citizens.

We commend Guyana for the achievements of its National Housing Programme. Guyana has made efforts to provide subsidised and standardized house-lots for low and middle income families through the Central Housing and Planning Authority. We note that by the end of 2013, 18,000 households in squatter settlements were regularized, with the provision of the essential services. Singapore **recommends** that Guyana continues to develop sustainable housing schemes with a view to increasing the provision of housing for low and middle income households.

We join the many friends of Guyana in wishing it every success in protecting and promoting human rights.