

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON LESOTHO ON 21 JANUARY 2015**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Lesotho to Geneva and thanks it for its presentation.

We note that raising socio-economic standards has been a key component of Lesotho's agenda. We take positive note of Lesotho's National Strategic Development Plan, which seeks to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. We also note the Government's efforts to improve service delivery by rolling out services and resources in rural areas. Singapore **recommends** that Lesotho continue to strengthen good governance at all levels to enhance service delivery.

We note that Lesotho is facing a significant challenge in combating HIV and AIDS. Singapore takes positive note of the efforts that Lesotho has taken to fight HIV and AIDS, including through prevention, care and treatment. Singapore **recommends** that Lesotho continue to strengthen the provision of healthcare services to its people, particularly women and children.

In conclusion, we join the many friends of Lesotho in wishing the country success in promoting and protecting human rights. We also wish Lesotho well for its upcoming election.

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