

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF HONDURAS AT THE 22ND UPR WORKING GROUP, 8 MAY 2015

[Speaking time: 1 min 50 secs]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Honduras to the 22nd UPR Working Group and thanks it for its presentation.

Security is fundamental to the enjoyment of human rights. In this regard, Singapore acknowledges the progress that Honduras has made in reducing the murder rate in the period 2012-2014. Singapore **recommends** that Honduras continues to take measures to counter organised crime, in particular drug trafficking, with a view to fostering an environment that is conducive to the enjoyment of human rights for all.

We commend Honduras for its commitment to protecting and promoting the rights of women. We note that the National Institute of Women has prepared protocols on service delivery for shelters and women’s centres based on best practices, but more can be done to combat violence against women. We **recommend** that Honduras continues to strengthen legislative and policy measures to counter violence against women.

Singapore recognises Honduras’ efforts under the Better Life Programme to provide housing upgrades and improvements to more than 47,000 families in 2014. These improvements such as water filters, cement floors, and water storage tanks, will go a long way to improve the health and living conditions of its people. We **recommend** that Honduras continue to prioritise efforts to improve the health of its people, including through the enhancement of water and sanitation services.

We join the many friends of Honduras in wishing the country every success in protecting and promoting the rights of its people