

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP  
SESSION ON MALAWI ON 5 MAY 2015**

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Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Malawi to the HRC.

We welcome Malawi's commitment to continue protecting and upholding human rights since its last UPR in 2010. Malawi adopted the Disability Act in 2012 to provide persons with disabilities with equal opportunities in areas such as healthcare services, education, and work and employment. Such measures, if well implemented, will help to improve the quality of life and standard of living of persons with disabilities in Malawi. Singapore **recommends** that Malawi give full priority to ensuring the full and effective implementation of the Disability Act.

Singapore acknowledges the legislative and policy measures adopted by Malawi to counter gender discrimination. In 2013, the Malawi National Assembly passed the Gender Equality Act to protect women against harmful practices and sexual harassment. We **recommend** that Malawi strengthen and consolidate efforts to counter discriminatory practices and violence against women.

In conclusion, Singapore joins the many friends of Malawi in wishing the country success in promoting and protecting human rights.

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