

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MONGOLIA AT THE 22ND UPR WORKING GROUP, 5 MAY 2015

[Speaking time: 1 min 50 secs]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Mongolia to the 22nd UPR working group and thanks it for its presentation.

We recognise the steps that Mongolia has taken, since its last review, to improve women's rights and to protect women in the country. With the Law on Gender Equality which was enacted in 2011, Mongolian women can expect greater protection and empowerment. Singapore **recommends** that Mongolia continues to implement policies that would further encourage women's full and active participation in its society and economy.

In addition, we note that Mongolia has made encouraging progress in reducing maternal morbidity since 2004. However, more can be done to tackle maternal morbidity, including in rural areas. We **recommend** that Mongolia continues its efforts in taking practical steps to further reduce the rates of maternal morbidity, particularly in the rural areas.

Singapore acknowledges Mongolia's efforts in increasing the transparency and accountability of the public service through the introduction of laws to prevent conflict of interest, the Anti-Corruption Law and the increased independence of the Anti-Corruption Authority. Singapore **recommends** that Mongolia continues to take steps to prevent and fight corruption to bring about equitable and sustainable growth for its people.

Singapore joins the many friends of Mongolia in wishing the country every success in its efforts to promote and protect the rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.