

**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF AUSTRIA AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 9 NOVEMBER 2015**

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Austria to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for its comprehensive presentation.

As a multi-racial and multi-ethnic society, Singapore recognises the complexities and challenges of preserving racial harmony between different communities. We welcome Austria's commitment to combat racism, discrimination and xenophobia. Singapore **recommends** that Austria continues to take action-oriented measures to counter racial discrimination and intolerance, including through education and awareness raising efforts at all levels.

We welcome Austria's efforts to improve the lives of persons with disabilities through the 2012 National Action Plan on Disability. We **recommend** that Austria continues to ensure the full implementation of the National Action Plan on Disability and strengthen coherence across laws and policies to ensure that persons with disabilities are able to lead fulfilling and productive lives.

We wish Austria every success in promoting and protecting the rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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