

**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF GEORGIA AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 NOVEMBER 2015**

[Speaking time: 1 min 45 secs]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation from Georgia to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR Working Group.

Since its last UPR in 2011, Georgia has taken positive steps to uphold and protect the human rights of its people. It adopted the National Human Rights Strategy 2014-2015 and the National Human Rights Action Plan 2014-2015. A Law on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination was also adopted last year.

We commend Georgia's adoption of the National Action Plan on Gender Equality (2014-2016) which seeks to combat gender stereotypes, violence against women, and to integrate gender into all programmes and policies. Singapore **recommends** that Georgia continues to prioritise gender equality, and consider the incorporation of international best practices in policies and legislation relating to the employment of women and combating violence against women.

Singapore welcomes Georgia's ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2014. We acknowledge Georgia's efforts to provide inclusive education for children with special education needs in mainstream schools. Singapore **recommends** that Georgia continues to pursue policies that will expand opportunities for all school-going aged children to access high quality education, in particular those with special education needs.

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

Thank you Mr President.

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