

**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC AT THE 23<sup>RD</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 2 NOVEMBER 2015**

[Speaking time: 1 min 15 secs]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation from Lebanon to the 23<sup>rd</sup> UPR Working Group and thanks it for its presentation.

We recognise that significant challenges have confronted Lebanon in recent years. In particular, hosting displaced persons in numbers equivalent to almost half of Lebanon's own population presents a set of unique and tremendously difficult challenges.

In this context, Singapore welcomes Lebanon's commitment to uphold and protect human rights, including through the National Human Rights Plan launched in 2012. We acknowledge the efforts that Lebanon has made to improve the rights of persons with disabilities through the National Plan for the Integration of Persons with Disabilities. Singapore **recommends** that Lebanon further strengthen efforts to improve the lives of persons with disabilities, including by developing and implementing policy instruments to meet the education needs of children with disabilities.

Singapore acknowledges that Lebanon has taken steps to advance gender equality with its National Strategy for Women (2011-2021). We **recommend** that Lebanon implements action-oriented measures to strengthen protection and promotion of women's rights in the areas of health and combating violence against women.

We join the many friends of Lebanon in wishing it every success in promoting and protecting the rights of its people.

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