

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MYANMAR AT THE 23RD UPR WORKING GROUP, 6 NOVEMBER 2015

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the Myanmar delegation led by Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin to the 23rd UPR Working Group.

Myanmar has implemented policies to strengthen governance and meet the socio-economic needs of its citizens as part of its reforms since its last review in 2011. Myanmar has also sought to bring its laws in line with international norms and standards through legislative reforms.

Singapore **recommends** that Myanmar continues to strengthen the rule of law and ensure good and clean governance at all levels of government, which would help address the social and economic needs of the Myanmar people more effectively.

Singapore also **recommends** that Myanmar implements policies to meet the relevant 2030 Sustainable Development Goals so that all communities, regions and states can benefit from Myanmar's economic growth and it can graduate from Least Developed Country status soonest.

Singapore has excellent bilateral relations with Myanmar. Our cooperation is longstanding and broad-based. We remain committed to support Myanmar's efforts to attain its development goals through the Singapore Cooperation Programme and other areas of human resource development where we can contribute positively. To date we have contributed to capacity building for over 11,500 Myanmar civil servants.

We join the many friends of Myanmar in wishing it every success in its development and reforms as well as the convening of its General Elections on 8 November 2015.

Thank you Mr President.

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