

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF ESTONIA AT THE 24th UPR WORKING GROUP, 19 JANUARY 2016

[Speaking time: 1 min 40 sec]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Estonia to the 24th UPR Working Group and thanks it for its presentation.

We welcome Estonia's efforts to protect and promote women's rights and gender equality. Estonia has implemented measures to combat domestic violence and violence against women, including through a new development Plan for Preventing Violence for 2015-2020. Estonia has also implemented initiatives such as paid paternity leave to encourage active fatherhood, and an Action Plan to reduce the gender pay gap. Singapore **recommends** that Estonia continues to prioritise efforts to prevent and tackle violence against women, and work with relevant stakeholders to strengthen the national victim support system.

Estonia's adoption of an Active Ageing Development Plan 2013-2020 is a positive step towards helping older persons in Estonia live active and fulfilling lives. Singapore **recommends** that Estonia redoubles its efforts to develop the Welfare Development Plan 2016-2023, with particular emphasis on the protection and promotion of the rights of older persons.

We wish Estonia every success in its development and upholding the human rights of its citizens.

Thank you Mr President.

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