

**STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MOZAMBIQUE AT THE 24<sup>th</sup> UPR WORKING GROUP, 19 JANUARY 2016**

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Mozambique to the 24<sup>th</sup> UPR Working Group.

Singapore welcomes Mozambique's commitment to promote and uphold human rights through the strengthening of state institutions. Mozambique has prioritised legal, institutional, economic and social reforms to combat corruption and to ensure the better delivery of public services. We **recommend** that Mozambique stay the course to implement these reforms, in particular, intensify efforts and strengthen programmes to combat corruption at all levels.

Mozambique has sought to provide for the right to education through the expansion of its school network throughout the country. Mozambique has also implemented programmes to improve teaching and learning conditions in schools. Singapore commends these efforts and **recommends** that Mozambique continue to prioritise education in its development plans, and to invest sufficient resources to education as a means of helping its citizens achieve their aspirations.

We join the many friends of Mozambique in wishing it every success in achieving its development goals.

Thank you Mr President.

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