

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF NAMIBIA AT THE 24th UPR WORKING GROUP, 18 JANUARY 2016

[Speaking time: 1 min 15 secs]

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Namibia to this UPR Working Group meeting.

We commend Namibia's efforts to improve the lives of its people by strengthening socio-economic development, in particular, its emphasis on protecting the rights of the child and children's welfare. Singapore **recommends** that Namibia continue to take steps to ensure the full and effective implementation of its Child Care and Protection Act to guard against all forms of child abuse.

Singapore commends Namibia's commitment to enhance access to quality education to their children because we too recognise the importance of education in uplifting lives. We therefore **recommend** that Namibia continues to develop its National Safe School Framework to provide a safe environment for students to receive a good education that is free from harassment, aggression and bullying.

Namibia's efforts to achieve gender equality and to eliminate gender-based violence through its National Gender Policy and National Plan of Action on Gender-based Violence are laudable. Singapore **recommends** that Namibia strengthen collaboration with the relevant stakeholders to address the causes of gender-based violence.

We join the many friends of Namibia in wishing it every success in national development efforts.

Thank you Mr President.

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