

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC
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Mr President,

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

We commend Seychelles for its efforts to provide full access to safe water and sanitation for all persons in Seychelles. This includes increasing its desalination capacity and improving its ability to tap into river systems. As a small island-state with no natural resources, Singapore recognises the importance and challenge of ensuring full access to safe drinking water. Singapore **recommends** that Seychelles continue to strengthen policies and programmes to ensure that all in Seychelles have access to safe water and sanitation.

Singapore welcomes Seychelles' commitment to the rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders in prison. Initiatives to help offenders gain vocational skills and employment include programs such as the 'Coetivy Rehabilitation Program', the 'Phoenix Program', and the 'Resettlement Day Release Programme'. Singapore **recommends** that Seychelles step up efforts to rehabilitate and re-integrate offenders, including through the introduction of formal education programmes in prisons.

As a fellow small island developing state, we wish Seychelles every success in improving the human rights of its citizens.

Thank you Mr President.