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**Statement by the Delegation of Nepal at the interactive dialogue with the Delegation of Singapore during the 24th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 27 January 2016**

Mr. President,

Nepal warmly welcomes the delegation of Singapore.

Singapore has made marvellous achievement of advancing from the Third World to First in a relatively short period of time, demonstrating its capability of higher human rights realization in tune with its development level. The Singaporean model of impressive all-round development over the last 50 years has remained exemplary to the developing countries. The priority Singapore has given to investing in the education and health of its citizens is equally praiseworthy.

We appreciate the efforts made by Singapore in implementation of the pledges and recommendations of its initial UPR. We particularly appreciate the efforts Singapore has made, as a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, to promote stability and social harmony and ensure abiding security for all. These measures have certainly helped in better realization of the human rights by all its citizens. We welcome the ratification of CRPD and signing of ICERD in the recent years, and encourage Singapore to consider ratifying other remaining core international human rights instruments.

While wishing them a successful UPR, my delegation would like to recommend that Singapore continue to strengthening its human rights mechanisms and consider establishing a national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles.

I thank you.