



Statement
by H.E Mr. Thongphane SAVANPHET
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Mr. President,

As a fellow ASEAN Member State, the Lao PDR warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the Republic of Singapore headed by H.E Ms. CHAN Heng Chee Ambassador-at-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the UPR Working Group, and would like to thank for a comprehensive presentation of the National Report.

My delegation is pleased to note with appreciation Singapore's commitment to the protection and promotion of human rights for its citizens in the multi-religious and multi-racial society. We welcome remarkable progress made by Singapore in providing better social protection, strengthening social harmony, and building fair and inclusive society as well as in enhancing gender equality, improving high quality of education and health care services, and promoting freedom of expression.

In this regard, the Lao PDR wishes to offer the following recommendations for consideration:

1. Continue to ensure care services and equal access of employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; and
2. Improve access to education and health care services of vulnerable people, including women and children from low and middle income families.

We wish Singapore every success in its Second Cycle of UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President