

UPR of Singapore
Statement by the Republic of Poland

27th January 2016, Geneva

Mr. President,

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Singapore for their comprehensive national report and active participation in the second cycle of the UPR process.

We acknowledge Singapore's efforts undertaken to comply with the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of UPR. Poland notes with appreciation the ratification to international human rights treaties such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and signature of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. We also appreciate the improvement in the field of protection of girls and young women against abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Nevertheless, there is still a space for further improvement when it comes to the institutional measures and cooperation with human rights mechanisms.

In this respect, Poland would like to recommend Singapore to **take steps in order to establish a national human rights institution, in accordance with the Paris Principles**. We are convinced that existence of a national human rights institution is crucial for effective protection and promotion of human rights.

Furthermore, the Polish delegation would like to recommend that Singapore **extends a standing invitation to the Human Rights Council's Special Procedures**.

We also recommend that Singapore **accedes to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**.

Thank you for your attention.