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Statement by Portugal

Singapore

Mr. President,

Portugal welcomes the delegation of Singapore and thanks it for its comprehensive national UPR report.

Portugal acknowledges Singapore's remarkable economic development and the example it sets as a diverse society that has been able to live in harmony, transforming the country into one of the world's fastest growing economies, ranked 11th in the UN's Human Development Index.

We regret that Singapore ended a de facto moratorium on the death penalty by executing two persons in 2014. In this context, we recommend the establishment of a moratorium on executions with a view to formally abolishing the death penalty.

Portugal further notes that Singapore still hasn't acceded to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, in spite of having accepted a recommendation to do so during the first cycle of the UPR, in 2011. We therefore recommend that Singapore accedes and fully aligns its national legislation with the Rome Statute;

Finally, we recommend that Singapore ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its Second Optional Protocol, the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and its Optional Protocol, as well as the Convention Against Torture.

Thank you, Mr. President.