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Mr President,

South Africa welcomes the distinguished delegation of Singapore to the 24<sup>th</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks the delegation for the comprehensive presentation of its national report.

We have noted with appreciation that Singapore has made efforts towards the implementation of recommendations accepted during its first cycle review, in particular the initial progress made on the 2011 UPR recommendations to impose a moratorium on executions reviewing the Misuse of Drugs Act 2012 and the Penal Code Act 2012. However, we regret Singapore's decision to resume executions in July 2014 after the two-year moratorium on executions and to uphold the mandatory death penalty for certain types of offences.

South Africa would like to recommend that Singapore should:

1. Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and its Optional Protocols;
2. Ratify the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT) and its Optional Protocol; and
3. Re-establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to complete abolition of the death penalty; and prohibiting the imposition of the death penalty against persons with mental and intellectual disabilities.

Finally, Mr. President, my delegation wishes Singapore success in their second review.

I thank you.