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(Intervention by Turkey)

Mr. President,

We cordially welcome the distinguished delegation of Singapore.

Turkey commends Singapore for implementing measures aiming to expand its social security networks, education, housing and health services especially to the less advantaged segments of its society.

We encourage Singapore to continue pursuing its socio-economic and development strategies, in a way that would encompass all segments of society including the foreign work force. Turkey also takes note of Singapore's efforts in strengthening its multi-cultural fabric.

Regarding the rights of women, Turkey encourages Singapore to further strengthen its efforts for the promotion and protection of women's rights in various fields.

We congratulate Singapore for signing ICERD in 2015 and encourage it to continue its efforts acceding to other core human rights treaties to which it is not yet a party. Turkey **recommends** Singapore to complete ICERD's ratification process.

Turkey applauds Singapore for measures taken in the field of combating human trafficking. In this regard we **recommend**, that Singapore ensures proper investigation, prosecution and adequate sanctions in all cases of human trafficking, including through the training of relevant personnel.

Finally, we wish Singapore every success during its 2nd UPR.

I thank you, Mr. President.
