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**STATEMENT BY ZIMBABWE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
UPR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE: 27 JANUARY 2016**

Mr President,

Zimbabwe welcomes the delegation of Singapore and thanks them for their report focusing on the country's efforts to implement the recommendations from its first cycle UPR.

It is noted that Singapore has put in place new policies and programmes focused on improving social protection, in particular to help the elderly and the low and middle income groups in order to build a fair and inclusive society. For example, the Government tops up the salary and retirement savings of low-wage workers aged 35 years and above.

Singapore has fulfilled its international obligations by ratifying the Convention On the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and acceding to the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children in 2013 and 2015, respectively.

Zimbabwe recommends that Singapore:

- Works towards ratifying the International Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination which it signed in 2015; and
- Accelerates the building of more general and community hospitals and clinics under the Healthcare 2020 Master plan.

I thank you Mr President.