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Thank you Mr. President

Afghanistan would like to extend a warm welcome to the distinguished delegation of Singapore to the 24th session of the UPR working group and appreciates the comprehensive presentation of its national report. It is encouraging to note that Singapore has engaged its citizens and the civil society in the process of promoting and protecting human rights.

Afghanistan commends all the efforts undertaken by Singapore to ratify the convention on the right of persons with disabilities, implementing the 2nd national enabling master-plan for persons with disabilities for 2012-2016 and expanding the home-based and community services to help person with disabilities and better integrate in the community.

Afghanistan further notes with appreciation measures undertaken for the universal healthcare coverage to citizens, particularly the expansion of subsidies for elderly care services.

While appreciating the measures taken to protect the rights migrant workers, Afghanistan wishes to recommend Singapore to enact a national migrant legislation in order to protect the right of migrant workers and to ensure that migrant workers who wish to pursue claims against employers are not forced to repatriate without access to justice.

Afghanistan once again would like to thank the delegation of Singapore for its comprehensive presentation of the national report on the UPR and wishes all the best in implementation process.

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