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UPR of Singapore

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Mr. President,

Azerbaijan warmly welcomes the delegation of Singapore to the UPR Working Group session and thanks for the comprehensive presentation.

We welcome the national report of Singapore on the follow-up of the accepted recommendations which clearly indicates the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last four years.

We note with interest that Singapore was ranked 1st in Bloomberg's 2014 ranking of the most efficient healthcare system, 9th in the UN's 2014 Human Development Index, and 9th in the 2015 World Justice Report's Rule of Law Index. We are of the view that mentioned achievements create healthy environment for efficient promotion and protection of human rights in the country.

We note with appreciation that Singapore ratified the Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities and acceded to the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (UN TIP Protocol), supplementing CTOC, since its first UPR. We **recommend Singapore** to continue its accession to the core international human rights instruments.

Singapore as a multi-religious and multi-cultural society has achieved the maintenance of racial and religious harmony throughout its history. The establishment of four Inter-Racial and Religious Confident Circles (IRCC) Steering Committees for building inter-faith and inter-racial harmony is commendable. We **recommend Singapore** to further its endeavors with regard to the smooth and productive activities of these entities, and to continue its efforts to strengthen social harmony in the country.

At the end, we wish the delegation of Singapore a very successful UPR process.

Thank you, Mr. President.