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Barbados extends a warm welcome to the Singapore delegation.

Barbados notes the ethnic and religious diversity of Singapore and commends the efforts made by the country over the 50 years since independence in creating a society based on strong societal values, the rule of law and the protection and promotion of human rights. Barbados, like Singapore, believes that these are critical pillars for the development of a responsive, prosperous and inclusive society.

We also commend the significant investment made in the provision of housing, health care and education and the attention paid to the elderly and less well off.

Barbados recommends that Singapore:

- Continues its commitment to the principles of gender equality and non-discrimination and maintain the dialogue with CEDAW
- Strengthen the role of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights to allow for the adapting of human rights policies to meet national concerns in a changing global economic and social environment
- Continue its engagement with the Human Rights Council by bringing into domestic law the recommendations accepted in its first UPR process.

Barbados wishes Singapore every success.

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