

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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REVIEW OF SINGAPORE
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STATEMENT BY NIGERIA

Mr President,

Nigeria welcomes the delegation of Singapore and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

We commend Singapore for its efforts at building a fair and inclusive society by strengthening social protection, providing sound and qualitative education to its citizens, putting in place a universal health care scheme for all Singaporeans and residents, and introducing the Pioneer Generation Package to take care of its senior citizens.

We note Singapore's commitment to the rights of children and in particular, her review of the legislative framework to protect children. We commend its thorough implementation of the provisions of CEDAW to which she is a signatory; and the increased percentage of women in high positions in both the public and private sectors of Singapore. We also note the effort of the government to reduce the disproportionate responsibility for the care of the family by introducing paternity leave and shared parental leave.

Singapore has taken bold steps to ensure access to justice through the introduction of the Legal Aid Bureau and Criminal legal Aid Scheme. My delegation is pleased that thousands of Singaporeans have benefitted from these two schemes.

Nigeria is encouraged by the stated programmes embarked on by Singapore with a view to protecting and promoting the human rights of its citizens.

In conclusion, we wish Singapore every success in its review process.

I thank you.