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**Statement by Brunei Darussalam at the review of Singapore
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Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam warmly welcomes the delegation of Singapore, led by Her Excellency Ms. Chan Heng Chee, Ambassador-At-Large, and thanks her for the comprehensive presentation.

Brunei Darussalam commends Singapore's efforts to promote and protect the human rights of its citizens. Its standing as the highest ranked Asian country in the 2015 U.N. Human Development Index is a testament to their unwavering commitment towards the well-being of its people.

We are pleased to note that the Government of Singapore places great importance in the provision of quality and affordable health care.

We therefore **recommend** that the Government continues to provide the subsidies and financial support through its Medishield Life policy for all its citizens and permanent residents, especially to the elderly and needy.

Brunei Darussalam further welcomes the efforts taken by the Government, particularly in 2014, to enable bursaries for education to be available to children from two-thirds of Singaporean households.

We therefore **recommend** the Government to take further steps to ensure its people, especially children, will continue to enjoy access to affordable education.

Finally, we would like to wish the Government and people of Singapore all the best in this UPR process and its future endeavours.

Thank you.
