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Mr. President,

Let me extend a warm welcome to the delegation of Singapore and wish them a successful review session.

At its 50th anniversary, Singapore is showcasing a success story in economic and human development, rule of law as well as religious, cultural and ethnic diversity and harmony.

Egypt commends the extensive social protection measures for older persons and groups with limited income in areas of housing, education and health. We are also encouraged by continuous efforts to ensure women's rights as well as the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the signature of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD).

Egypt recommends the following for the kind consideration of the Government of Singapore:

- 1- To consider the possibility of acceding to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), the International Convention on the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (ICRMW), and the Optional Protocol of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Sale of Children (OP-CRC-SC).
- 2- To maintain its effective protection for the family as the natural and fundamental unit of the society.
- 3- To continue to work towards the realization of the right to work including through technical and vocational education and training.
- 4- To further strengthen its measures to combat all forms of trafficking in women and children and protecting and rehabilitating its victims.

I thank you.
