

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL
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SINGAPORE

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Jamaica welcomes the Delegation of Singapore, and thanks them for ^{their} report and update.

We recommend that Singapore:

- 1) Consider enshrining in law, protection of rights for 16 to 18 year-olds, either by amending the Children and Young Persons Act or through other legislation;
- 2) Consider alternative, effective, interventions for persons who violate national laws or norms regarding religious or cultural sensibilities through publication or posting of offensive material;
- 3) Assess benefits and social support for single, unwed mothers, to ensure that the current system does not foster multi-generational social exclusion; and
- 4) Explore the expansion of health and safety regulations to cover non-medical practitioners, [such as aesthetic clinics, beauty salons and spas,] and conduct regular monitoring of their activities.

Jamaica acknowledges Singapore's peculiar status as a small city-State, which has had to create a workable society out of diversity; and commends the country for its advances in social cohesion achieved through promotion of human rights and rule of law.

We wish Singapore all the best in this current review.