

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF IRELAND AT THE 25TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 11 MAY 2016

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Ireland to the 25th UPR session and thanks it for its presentation.

Singapore welcomes the initiatives that Ireland has undertaken to meet the housing needs of households that require social support. Since its first UPR, Ireland has developed the Social Housing Strategy 2020 and the integrated housing package Stabilising Rents, Boosting Supply. Singapore **recommends** that Ireland take all necessary legislative and policy measures to provide access to affordable housing with a view to ending long-term involuntary homelessness.

Singapore commends Ireland for its commitment to improve the quality of life for persons with disabilities, including through the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities. We look forward to Ireland's early ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Singapore **recommends** that Ireland continue to improve employment opportunities and remove barriers to employment for persons with disabilities.

We wish Ireland every success in protecting and promoting the rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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