

STATEMENT BY SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF TAJIKISTAN AT THE 25TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 6 MAY 2016

[Speaking time: 1 min 40s]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Tajikistan to the UPR Working Group and thanks it for its presentation.

Singapore welcomes Tajikistan's initiatives to provide equal opportunities to women, including through the "Guidelines for a State policy to ensure equal rights and equal opportunities for men and women in Tajikistan for the period 2001-2010". Singapore **recommends** that Tajikistan continues its efforts to end violence against women and children, including through enacting preventive legislation, as well as through providing rehabilitative services to victims.

We commend Tajikistan's efforts to promote tolerance through encouraging dialogue across faiths. Singapore **recommends** that Tajikistan continues to implement programmes and policies aimed at strengthening inter-religious dialogue and fostering tolerance and understanding.

We join the many friends of Tajikistan in wishing it every success in its development and in protecting and promoting the rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.