**STATEMENT BY PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF VENEZUELA AT THE 26TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 1 NOVEMBER 2016**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Venezuela to the 26th session of the UPR Working Group.

 We recognise that Venezuela has introduced a National Human Rights Plan 2016-2019 to follow up on related accepted recommendations of its first UPR and to strengthen the institutional framework guaranteeing the human rights of all Venezuelans.

Singapore **recommends** that Venezuela fully implements its National Human Rights Plan to strengthen institutional coordination and monitoring of human rights policies in Venezuela, particularly with regard to social programmes that support older persons and persons with disabilities.

Singapore also **recommends** that Venezuela redouble its efforts, including through international cooperation, to ensure that its citizens fully enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health possible.

 We wish Venezuela well in its development journey, and in its efforts to maintain stability while promoting and protecting the human rights of the Venezuelan people.

 Thank you Mr President.

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