**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF BRAZIL AT THE 27TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 5 MAY 2017**

Mr President,

 Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Brazil to the 27th UPR Working Group.

We commend Brazil’s success in lifting millions of Brazilians out of poverty through initiatives such as *Bolsa Familia* and the *My House, My Life Programme*.

Singapore **recommends** that Brazil continue to invest in these social policies, and to ensure more effective and targeted implementation, so as to reduce social and economic inequality, in particular for rural populations and indigenous peoples.

We acknowledge Brazil’s progress in promoting gender equality and empowering women in the labour market and the wider society through initiatives such as the National Plan for Policies for Women 2013-2015 and Constitutional Amendment 72/2013.

Singapore **recommends** that Brazil continue to implement new policies, and expand the coverage and scope of existing ones, to better promote gender equality, in particular for women in the countryside and low-income families.

Brazil’s efforts to promote sustainable development and the fulfilment of human rights in its vast and diverse society have provided inspiration for many developing countries around the world. We wish Brazil every success in its quest to attain its development goals so that it can continue to contribute positively to the international community.

 Thank you Mr President.

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