**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF INDIA AT THE 27TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 4 MAY 2017**

Mr President,

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

We commend India’s tireless efforts to eradicate poverty and to achieve inclusive sustainable development in the spirit of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas” (all together and development for all), through a comprehensive set of socio-economic policies such as the Stand-Up India Scheme. We **recommend** that India ensure that the implementation of these policies are targeted, accountable, and transparent, so that their benefits reaches all sections of society.

Singapore commends India’s significant achievement in successfully halving the number of rural households without drinking water supply. We **recommend** that India continue to improve sanitation coverage, especially for women and girls, and to increase access to safe and sustainable drinking water in rural areas.

Bilateral relations and the strategic partnership between Singapore and India are wide-ranging and excellent. We wish India every success in its continued growth and development.

Thank you Mr President.

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