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

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the UK delegation to the 27th UPR Working Group meeting.

We commend the UK’s holistic efforts to combat hate crime, including launching a new Hate Crime Action Plan in 2016. We **recommend** that the United Kingdom continues to refine its policies to counter hate crimes in communities, particularly those motivated by race and religion, and to share its best practices with other member states.

We commend the UK’s focus on tackling poverty, rising inequality and delivering real social justice through various measures to reduce worklessness, increase skills and help its citizens cope with the rising cost of living. We **recommend** that the United Kingdom provide more targeted social policies to help disadvantaged families, and in particular their children, so as to boost social mobility.

The UK has reaffirmed its commitment to maintain its strong global role in human rights. We hope that the UK will act sensitively in this regard, taking into account specific national circumstances and social particularities.

We wish the UK well in this UPR and their journey to chart a new path forward.

 Thank you Mr President.

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