**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF CAMEROON AT THE 44TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 13 NOVEMBER 2023**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the participation of Cameroon in the UPR process and commends it on its progress since its 3rd review.

We welcome Cameroon’s efforts to enhance its normative and institutional framework on the rights of persons with disabilities. In particular, we commend Cameroon for exempting persons with disabilities from fees in public schools and universities, upgrading schools to inclusive schools, and recruiting more teachers with disabilities. **We encourage Cameroon to continue its efforts to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities.**

We also recognize the measures Cameroon has put in place to protect its population against the scourge of drugs. We welcome its efforts to prevent drug trafficking and abuse through a balanced framework of measures, including preventive education and public campaigns, to raise awareness against drug use. **We encourage Cameroon to continue cooperating with relevant UN agencies, including the** **UNODC, to protect its citizens against the grave threat presented by the world drug problem.**

We hope our recommendations will be favourably considered. Thank you.

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