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

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the participation of the Russian Federation in the UPR process.

In 2019, the Russian Federation initiated the “Older Generation” project to enhance the quality of life for older persons. **Singapore recommends that Russia continue to adopt measures which would ensure the wellbeing of older persons and their meaningful participation in society.**

The Russian Federation has also undertaken annual preventive and operational activities to combat organised crime, especially in drug trafficking. These are conducted in concert with the law enforcement agencies of other countries. **Singapore recommends that Russia continue its efforts to combat the world drug problem through cooperation with relevant regional and international organisations.**

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

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