**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE CONGO AT THE 45TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 30 JANUARY 2024**

Mr President,

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

We commend the Congo for its close cooperation with the UNODC to improve its law enforcement and judicial capabilities, including the training of over 100 judicial officials. **We recommend that the Congo continue to work with the UNODC and other international partners to enhance its ability to combat cross-border crime, including drug trafficking.**

We welcome the Congo’s efforts in ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to education. These include the construction of accessibility infrastructure such as ramps and the establishment of specialised institutions such as the National Institute for Blind Persons. **We recommend that the Congo continue to ensure that its educational policies remain inclusive for persons with disabilities.**

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

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