**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF NIGERIA AT THE 45TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 23 JANUARY 2024**

Mr President,

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

Nigeria has undertaken significant measures to promote and protect women’s rights, and eliminate discrimination and economic barriers in various fields. We welcome the development of a National Policy on Women’s Economic Empowerment, and recommend that Nigeria **continue to step up its efforts in combating sexual and gender based violence.**

 Nigeria has also made commendable efforts to address transnational organized crime, particularly drug trafficking through the launch of its National Drug Control Master Plan. **Singapore recommends that Nigeria cooperate with the UNODC and other international organisations to strengthen its capacity to combat drug trafficking and abuse-related issues.**

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

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