**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF IRAN AT THE 48TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 24 JANUARY 2025**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the participation of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the UPR process, and notes the progress it has made since its 3rd review.

Singapore welcomes the efforts made by Iran to improve access to education, in particular in bridging the gender gap in primary and secondary education. **Singapore recommends that Iran continue to promote access to education, particularly in rural areas.**

We also commend the efforts Iran has made in reducing maternal and child mortality, as well as the implementation of the livelihood assistance plan to support the nutrition of mothers in needy households. **Singapore recommends that Iran continue to prioritise enhancing access to healthcare and improving healthcare infrastructure especially for maternal and child health.**

Thank you.

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