**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF PAKISTAN AT THE 28TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 13 NOVEMBER 2017**

Mr President,

We commend Pakistan for introducing a wide range of legal, policy and institutional measures in response to its accepted UPR recommendations from the last review.

We commend, in particular, Pakistan’s efforts to promote the rights of persons with disabilities in its Vision 2025 and 11th 5-year plan.

We **recommend** that Pakistan continue to introduce new policies and measures that promote the social and economic inclusion of all persons with disabilities.

Pakistan has signalled its strong commitment to provide quality education to its people through a sustained increase its education budget from 2010 and the introduction of several education initiatives at the federal, and provincial level.

We **recommend** that Pakistan continue to invest resources to ensure that all children between 5-16, in particular girls in difficult regions, have access to quality basic and secondary education.

Singapore wishes Pakistan every success in its efforts to enhance its development and promote the human rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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