**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF PERU AT THE 28TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 8 NOVEMBER 2017**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Peru to the 28th UPR Working Group session. We commend Peru’s progress in implementing the accepted recommendations of its last UPR and for taking a series of major steps since 2012 to promote human rights, such as the amendment of the definition of torture and the offence of forced labour, strengthening legislation concerning redress, as well as combating gender-based violence.

We acknowledge Peru’s ongoing efforts to develop its National Human Rights Plan (2017-2021) and other issue-specific plans to manage other human rights challenges such as trafficking in persons. We **recommend** that Peru concurrently develop a national follow-up mechanism to ensure effective implementation of accepted recommendations by UN agencies and international organisations in the field of human rights.

We commend Peru’s holistic approach to counter gender-based violence, in particular for introducing a new legislative framework to prevent and eradicate violence against women, femicide and high-risk partner violence. We also commend the significant increase in the number of women’s emergency centres. We **recommend** that Peru continue to expand support and care services for victims of all forms of gender-based violence in particular at the regional level.

 Singapore wishes Peru success in its efforts to promote development and protect the human rights of its people.

 Thank you Mr President.

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