**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF NAURU AT THE 37TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 27 JANUARY 2021**

*[Speaking time: 2 min]*

Mr/Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation and acknowledges Nauru’s efforts since its last review to promote and protect the rights of its people.

We commend the Government’s efforts to promote and protect the rights of women, in particular through the enactment of the Domestic Violence and Family Protection Act 2017, the broadening of its Crimes Act 2016 to include the offence of spousal rape, and the organisation of the first Nauru National Women’s Summit in May 2019. Singapore notes that an outcome of the first Nauru National Women’s Summit was the Tomano Declaration and discussions about revising the National Action Plan for Women.

**Noting that the COVID-19 pandemic is having serious social and economic consequences on women and girls, Singapore recommends that Nauru incorporate the adverse socio-economic impact of COVID-19 in any revision of the National Action Plan and ensure that consultations for this revision be as inclusive as possible.**

We also commend Nauru’s efforts to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. In particular, we note the creation of a new department for Persons with Disabilities to centralise efforts in the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the National Policy for Persons with Disabilities, as well as the increase in funds provided by its disability pension for persons with disabilities.

We note Nauru’s limited technical capacity and expertise to fully implement the provisions of the CRPD and its request for assistance in terms of infrastructural development as well as human resources.

**Singapore recommends that Nauru work with its bilateral and international partners, as appropriate, including the UN Programme on Disability under the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on technical cooperation and capacity building programmes to facilitate the full implementation of its CRPD obligations.**

As a fellow Small Island Developing State (SIDS), Singapore wishes Nauru every success in its efforts to overcome the considerable challenges it faces from climate change, and achieve its human rights and sustainable development goals.

Thank you, Mr/Mdm President.

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