**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MYANMAR AT THE 37TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 25 JANUARY 2021**

*[Speaking time: 1min]*

Mdm President,

Myanmar has taken steps to enhance the protection of women and girls. These include the establishment of One-Stop Women Support Centres in some cities, and the drafting of a Protection and Prevention of Violence against Women Bill.

**Singapore recommends that following the enactment of this Bill, the necessary training and capacity-building activities are conducted within the social services and public sectors to ensure the full and effective implementation of its provisions, together with a comprehensive public outreach programme to raise awareness of the provisions of the Bill among all members of the public.**

 We also welcome Myanmar’s efforts to promote and protect inclusive education for persons with disabilities. These include issuing the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2017, establishing an Education Sub-Committee for Persons with Disabilities, and implementing a National Education Strategic Plan, which strengthens inclusion.

**Singapore recommends that Myanmar continue to strengthen efforts for inclusive education, including for children with disabilities living in remote areas who may also be at greater risk of exclusion due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

 As a close neighbour and fellow ASEAN member, Singapore wishes Myanmar every success in its efforts to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic and advance the human rights of its people.

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