**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF DENMARK AT THE 38TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 6 MAY 2021**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the Danish delegation. As an active delegation in the UPR process, and fellow small state, we hope Denmark will act sensitively and consider the specific national circumstances and contexts of its partners.

We commend Denmark’s efforts to provide universal access to adequate housing with a reasonable rent, and its efforts to create residential areas that offer a better environment for positive social development. But further effort is required to ensure this is done in a non-discriminatory way. **Singapore recommends that Denmark review its social housing policies, including the use of derogatory and exclusionary terms such as “non-Western” and “ghetto”, to ensure that there is no inherent discrimination in efforts to enhance social inclusion and provide universal access to adequate housing.**

We also commend Denmark’s efforts to address hate speech, including implementing awareness raising activities and a National Action Plan for Preventing and Countering Extremism and Radicalisation. But more can be done, **we recommend: (i) taking effective actions to prohibit hate speech online and offline, including the use of legislative and/or policy measures; and (ii) considering adopting a national action plan to combat racism and hate crime, and ensuring that such crimes are effectively investigated and prosecuted.**

Thank you.

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