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Madam President,

Barbados warmly welcomes the delegation of Singapore and appreciates the additional information provided today.

We commend Singapore’s transparent and constructive engagement throughout the UPR process. In this regard, we note the pragmatic approach taken by the Government of Singapore to human rights that recognises the national realities and focuses on achieving enhanced outcomes for the population.

Barbados recommends that Singapore:

1. Continue to improve the accessibility, affordability and quality of early childhood education.
2. Further strengthen and protect racial and religious diversity.
3. Deepen efforts to protect women from abuse, neglect, and self-neglect due to physical or mental disability.

Barbados as a fellow Small Island Developing States commends Singapore for its commitment as demonstrated by the resources allocated for strengthening its social safety net in areas such as health and education.

It is recognised that given the impact of COVID-19 such allocations are even more necessary for sustaining a high level of enjoyment of human rights at home.

I thank you Madam President.