

*Représentation permanente de la Belgique auprès des Nations Unies et auprès des institutions spécialisées à Genève*

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| **WG UPR – Singapore** ***Belgian intervention***12 May 2021 |

Madam President,

Belgium thanks the delegation of Singapore for its presentation and welcomes its ratification of ICERD. We are, however, very concerned about increasing restrictions to freedom of expression since the previous UPR. To foster an environment conducive to free press and media, Belgium recommends Singapore to

**R1.** Ratify the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights;

**R2.** Ensure the full enjoyment of the right to freedom of expression through the revision of the Internal Security Act and the Newspaper and Printing Presses Act, in order to eliminate media censorship and prevent self-censorship.

Finally, we recommend Singapore to

**R3.** Extend the applicability of the Employment Act to migrant domestic workers.

Thank you, Madam President.