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**UPR38 – Singapore**

**Statement by Slovakia**

12 May 2021

President,

Slovakia welcomes the delegation of Singapore to this UPR session and thanks it for the presentation of its national report.

We commend Singapore for taking positive steps to address human rights related issues within its multinational and multi-religious society following last UPR; such as ratification of ICERD.

We welcome efforts made in order to guarantee adequate healthcare, housing and education for all, including for vulnerable groups.

At the same time, we encourage Singapore to ratify the core UN human rights treaties to which it is not yet party and incorporate them into its national legislation.

While recognizing *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty, the existence of this punishment remains a matter of concern.

We would like to offer following **recommendations** to Singapore for further consideration:

1. Consider ratifying International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights;
2. Take appropriate measures to ease restriction on freedom of expression and freedom of the media online and offline;
3. Ratify Convention against Torture;
4. Enhance efforts to combat discrimination and violence against women;
5. Take steps to carry out recommendations with regard to the implementation of the CRC;

We wish Singapore a successful review.

I thank you, President.