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Madam President,

New Zealand welcomes this opportunity for dialogue with Singapore on its human rights situation.

New Zealand **acknowledges** progress made in Singapore, including ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

New Zealand **recommends** that Singapore take steps to abolish the use of the death penalty in practice and in law.

New Zealand also **recommends** that Singapore ensure that the right to freedom of opinion and expression is protected, including via online public platforms.

New Zealand **recommends** that Singapore decriminalise consensual same-sex relationships and eliminate legislation and policies that discriminate based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Thank you.