**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF SOUTH SUDAN AT THE 40TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 31 JANUARY 2022**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes South Sudan’s participation in the UPR process.

 We commend South Sudan for its initiatives to increase the literacy rate of women and girls through the Accelerated Learning Programme and Adult Literacy Programme. This provides an alternative for individuals who are unable to complete their formal education. **Singapore recommends that South Sudan continue its initiatives to enhance the literacy rates of its population through and beyond its educational institutions.**

 South Sudan has also established several facilities for persons with disabilities, including an educational centre in Rejaf, a physical rehabilitation centre in Juba, and a facility for children in Usratuna. We note that South Sudan is in its final stages of ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. **We recommend that South Sudan continue to pursue measures to increase the inclusivity of its education system and ensure that persons with disabilities can participate meaningfully in its society.**

We wish South Sudan every success. Thank you.

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