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

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Haiti and congratulates them on the progress made since their last UPR despite the multiple crises that they have faced in the past years.

We recognise the steps that the Haitian government has taken to address important social and development issues such as poverty reduction, food security and access to education. These are important topics that deserve continued focus as the country continues on its path to recovery. **Singapore recommends that Haiti continue its efforts toward achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.**

Haiti has also made efforts to improve the promotion and protection of women’s rights, including through multi-year policies, judicial reform and public awareness raising campaigns. To eliminate the scourge of gender-specific violence, **Singapore recommends that Haiti ensure that its national policies to address violence against women and girls are implemented and sufficiently resourced.**

As a fellow small island developing state, we wish Haiti all the best in the implementation of accepted recommendations. Thank you.

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