**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF TOGO AT THE 40TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 24 JANUARY 2022**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Togo and congratulates them on the progress made since their last UPR despite many present challenges.

We applaud the steps that Togo has taken to improve its citizens’ enjoyment of the right to health, including the implementation of a multi-year national health development plan. This has resulted in more widespread professional training and infrastructure development. Within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has also been a strong emphasis on access to testing, treatment and vaccinations. **Singapore recommends that Togo continue to strengthen its healthcare system and ensure that it is adequately resourced.**

Singapore also recognises that Togo has sought to improve gender equality and the enjoyment of women’s rights. This includes the implementation of policies to support vulnerable women and to encourage greater participation in public life. **Singapore recommends that Togo enhance its efforts to promote gender equality within society, including through public awareness raising campaigns and countering any existing discriminatory practices. Singapore also recommends that Togo take further steps to address domestic violence and other forms of violence against women and girls.**

We wish Togo all the best in the implementation of accepted recommendations. Thank you.

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