**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF INDIA AT THE 41ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of India and commends them on the progress made since their last UPR.

 India has worked to expand universal access to affordable healthcare, which is timely given the threat of infectious diseases such as COVID-19. This includes the Ayushman Bharat scheme launched in 2018, and further initiatives to improve both physical and digital health infrastructure. **Singapore recommends that India continue providing support for the strengthening of its national healthcare system, including with a focus on primary healthcare.**

We also recognize that enrolment in schools across India has improved over recent years, and that retention rates for students, including female students, have increased. **Singapore recommends that India continue to emphasize education as a priority and allow all children to have access to quality and affordable education.**

 Thank you.

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