**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE PHILIPPINES AT THE 41ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 14 NOVEMBER 2022**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of our fellow ASEAN Member State the Philippines and congratulates them on their efforts and progress since their last UPR in 2017.

The Philippines has placed a strong emphasis on environmental protection and addressing the impact of climate change. This includes whole of government initiatives such as the National Climate Change Action Plan (2011 – 2028). **Mindful of the great impact that climate change can have on the enjoyment of human rights, Singapore recommends that the Philippines continues to ensure that adequate support be given to implement its national climate change-related policies.**

The Philippines has also been active in ensuring the right to access education for its citizens, proven by the increasing enrollment at all education levels. **Singapore recommends that the Philippines continues its efforts to make education accessible for all, especially girls and others in vulnerable situations.**

Thank you.

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