**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF SOUTH AFRICA AT THE 41ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 16 NOVEMBER 2022**

Mr President,

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

 We recognize the steps that the South African government has taken to combat corruption, including the establishment of a targeted Commission of Inquiry and introduction of new financial legislation. **Singapore recommends that South Africa ensure that the National Anti-Corruption Strategy receives adequate resourcing and involves all relevant stakeholders.**

South Africa has also made progress in improving the rights of women and girls, and has been committed to the principle of gender equality. We commend them on the various whole-of-society initiatives such as the National Policy Framework for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality and the Gender Policy Framework for Local Government. **Singapore recommends that South Africa continue to pursue policies to ensure gender equality for women and girls, and eliminate harmful stereotypes that may still be held.**

 Thank you.

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