**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF GABON AT THE 42ND UPR WORKING GROUP, 24 JANUARY 2023**

Mr President,

Singapore congratulates the delegation of Gabon on the progress made since their last UPR.

Singapore applauds Gabon’s commitment in ensuring equal access to healthcare for its communities. Singapore welcomes the implementation of the mobile medicine strategy to provide general medical care, minor surgery, laboratory tests, and natal consultations. We commend Gabon’s outreach and communication strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic targeting the most isolated communities. **Singapore recommends that Gabon continue to strengthen its policies to improve access to healthcare for its population.**

Singapore welcomes the development of an annual action plan to uphold the rights of persons with disabilities in cooperation with the National Federation of Associations for Persons with Disabilities. **Singapore recommends that Gabon continue to adopt a comprehensive strategy to ensure that persons with disabilities can engage meaningfully with their economy and society.**

Thank you.

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