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

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Ghana and acknowledges the progress made since their last UPR.

 Ghana has made significant efforts to promote and protect the human rights of their people in various areas, including the rights of women and girls, the right to health, and the right to education. We particularly note the strong push by the Ghanian authorities to combat corruption, which is an important step towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Singapore commends these efforts, which have resulted in a tangible impact on the ground, and would make the following recommendations:

First**, Singapore recommends that Ghana continue to place emphasis on ensuring equitable education opportunities for children with disabilities and other special needs.**

Second**, Singapore recommends that Ghana make further efforts towards ensuring universal health coverage for its people through tailored policies and strategies.**

Third**, Singapore recommends that Ghana strengthen efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls, including domestic violence and trafficking.**

 We wish Ghana all the best in implementing its accepted recommendations. Thank you.

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