**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF PAKISTAN AT THE 42ND UPR WORKING GROUP, 30 JANUARY 2023**

Mr President,

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

 We welcome Pakistan’s commitment to ensure free, quality basic healthcare services to under-privileged citizens through the Sehat Sahulat Programme. We also commend Pakistan’s efforts to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on the poorest households in South Punjab through nutrition interventions. **Singapore recommends that Pakistan continue strengthening its policies to improve its population’s access to healthcare.**

 Singapore welcomes the approval of the Single National Curriculum which provides a unified system of curriculum, medium of instruction, and a single platform of evaluation to ensure fair and equal opportunity to high quality education. **Singapore recommends that Pakistan continue its efforts to ensure its population’s access to education, as well as to ensure greater gender parity in this access.**

 Thank you.

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