**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MALI AT THE 43rd UPR WORKING GROUP, 2 MAY 2023**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes Mali’s continued engagement in the important UPR process.

We recognize the adoption of a ten-year education development programme in Mali which aims to guarantee the right to quality education in a practical manner. This has resulted in higher enrolment in basic education, including among girls, which is a positive trend that should be sustained. **Singapore recommends that Mali ensure that their national education programmes are inclusive, including for children with disabilities and those living in rural areas.**

Mali has recently implemented a Health and Social Development Programme and a corresponding funding mechanism, which aims to provide geographically accessible and quality health-care services. A Medical Assistance System is also in place to support those who require additional help in accessing healthcare. **Singapore recommends that Mali ensure that their relevant national health promotion policies are adequately resourced to ensure effective implementation.**

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

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