**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF BURUNDI AT THE 43RD UPR WORKING GROUP, 4 MAY 2023**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the participation of Burundi in the UPR process.

We commend the significant progress that Burundi has made in the protection of vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities. This includes the National Policy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for 2020 to 2024 and measures to improve accessibility. For instance, teachers at the Referral Centre for Inclusive Education have received training on working with children with disabilities and have been provided with adapted teaching materials. **Singapore recommends that Burundi continues to strengthen its efforts to ensure that persons with disabilities can participate meaningfully in its society.**

Singapore welcomes the establishment of the consultation and monitoring commission for trafficking-in-persons in 2022. **Singapore recommends that Burundi enhances its measures to combat trafficking-in-persons, including assistance for victims and their families.**

Thank you.

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