**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF BARBADOS AT THE 43rd UPR WORKING GROUP, 5 MAY 2023**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Barbados to their 4th cycle UPR and commends them on the progress made since their last review.

 During the period under review, Barbados has embarked on a coordinated national strategy to address gender-based violence, including through the establishment of a National Committee. We commend Barbados on their efforts to date, which have included awareness raising across society and training within the civil service. **Singapore recommends that Barbados ensure that their national policies and strategies to eliminate gender-based violence are fully implemented and adequately resourced.**

We recognize the heavy emphasis that Barbados has placed on access to education, which has resulted in a robust education system which is one of the most advanced in their region. Targeted policies have also been put in place to ensure that education is accessible to children with disabilities, which include retrofitting of schools and technical support. **Singapore recommends that Barbados continue to ensure robust public investment in education and that education is accessible, including to persons with disabilities.**

 As a fellow SIDS, Singapore wishes Barbados every success in implementing its accepted recommendations in a manner that best suits its national circumstances. Thank you.

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