**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF LIECHTENSTEIN AT THE 29TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 24 JANUARY 2018**

Mr President,

 Singapore commends Liechtenstein’s commitment towards safeguarding the human rights of its people, and its significant progress in implementing several accepted recommendations from its previous UPR, in particular the establishment of an independent National Human Rights Institution (NHRI).

 We commend Liechtenstein’s continued commitment to achieving gender equality. Liechtenstein has supported the role of women in the workforce, including by promoting female representation in leadership positions, the significant expansion of day care services, and addressing wage disparity between women and men. We also commend Liechtenstein for combatting gender-based violence through raising awareness and providing support for victims.

 We **recommend** that Liechtenstein continue to improve the availability and quality of day care services to better support women in the labour market and to encourage greater women’s participation in the workforce.

 We commend Liechtenstein’s progressive efforts to care for their elderly in step with its demographic developments, such as updating the Law on Old-Age and Survivors' insurance and providing supplementary benefits where necessary. We share and support the approach adopted by the Liechtenstein government to take a holistic view of old-age policy and to empower older persons to live as autonomously and independently as possible.

 We **recommend** that Liechtenstein take active measures to ensure that older persons are aware of new services and benefits they are entitled to from the on-going reforms of old-age policies.

 As a fellow small state, Singapore wishes Liechtenstein every success in protecting the human rights of all its people.

 Thank you Mr President.

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