**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AT THE 30TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 14 May 2018**

Mr President,

We recognise the efforts of the Russian Federation to further strengthen its legal and structural frameworks for the promotion and protection of the human rights of its citizens since its last review.

In particular, we commend the positive steps taken by the Russian Government to promote the equal participation of women in the economic, social, cultural and political spheres through the adoption of the National Strategy for Women 2017 – 2022.

We **recommend** that the Russian Government ensures that sufficient resources are allocated for the full and effective implementation of the National Strategy for Women 2017 – 2022.

We also acknowledge the efforts of the Government to enhance social support for its citizens since its last review, including helping unemployed citizens receive relevant vocational training to allow them to re-enter the labour market.

We **recommend** that the Russian Government continue implementing targeted social support policies aimed at reducing poverty and enhancing the labour prospects of its citizens.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Singapore and Russia. We wish Russia every success in this review.

Thank you Mr President.

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