**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF NIGERIA AT THE 31ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 6 NOVEMBER 2018**

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Nigeria to the 31st UPR Working Group.

We acknowledge the Nigerian government’s efforts to improve its criminal justice system through measures such as the development of justice sector reform action plans and the enactment of the Administration of Criminal Justice Act in 2015.

We recommend that the government continue to review and reform its criminal justice system so as to strengthen the rule of law in Nigeria. We also recommend that Nigeria invest in the training of its justice sector officials to remain current with the reforms in the criminal justice system.

We commend Nigeria for prioritising the advancement of the social and economic rights of its people through the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP). The ERGP has rightly emphasised inclusive growth as a key part of its vision to deliver maximum welfare for Nigerian citizens in the people, health and education sectors.

We recommend that adequate resources are allocated to ensure the effective implementation of the ERGP in all its sectors in order to meet the relevant SDG targets.

Given the size of the country and its very diverse society, we commend the Nigerian government’s efforts in overcoming the practical difficulties it faces in implementing its development strategies. Singapore wishes Nigeria every success in providing better living conditions and realising the human rights of its people.

Thank you Mr President.

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