**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MONACO AT THE 31ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 12 NOVEMBER 2018**

Mr President,

We commend the Principality of Monaco for the concrete steps taken since its last review to promote and protect the human rights of its people. In particular, we commend the establishment of the Office of the High Commissioner for the Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms and for Mediation and the Association for the Support of Victims of Crime.

We commend Monaco for taking several progressive measures to care for their elderly, which forms a significant segment of their population. These include the establishment of the Rainier III Clinical Gerontology Centre in 2013, implementing an intergenerational cooperation project as well as other initiatives to enable older persons to stay at home for as long as possible and in good living conditions.

We recommend that the government continue to invest in building sufficient medical, social and geriatric infrastructure to meet the needs of Monaco’s older persons ahead of time so that they can age with dignity.

We also commend Monaco for its efforts to advance the rights of persons with disabilities, including through its ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2017, and the adoption of laws that promotes the rights of persons with disabilities such as Act No. 1.441 (on ensuring the accessibility of the built environment) and Act No. 1.410 (on the protection, autonomy and promotion of the rights and freedoms of persons with disabilities) during the period under review.

We recommend that the government ensure that the necessary resources and policies are in place for the effective implementation of these laws and the CRPD.

As a fellow small state, Singapore wishes Monaco every success in achieving its goals of improving the lives of its people, in particular for the most vulnerable in society.

Thank you Mr President.

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