**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF ETHIOPIA AT THE 33RD UPR WORKING GROUP, 14 MAY 2019**

 We acknowledge Ethiopia’s progress in reducing poverty and promoting social development.

In particular, we commend the government’s significant efforts to ensure equitable access to education, in particular for investing more than one fifth of its budget in education. We support Ethiopia’s focus on improving the quality of education and **recommend** that Ethiopia consult widely to take into account the views of all relevant stakeholders, in particular the underprivileged groups, when finalising its Education Development Roadmap.

Ethiopia has made significant progress in the political and economic participation of women. Nevertheless, Ethiopia has identified violence against women as a continuing major challenge. We note the plans to support victims such as increasing the number of hotlines and safe houses. We **recommend** that the government complement these efforts by launching more awareness-raising programmes to create a culture that rejects all forms of violence against women.

Singapore wishes Ethiopia every success in achieving its vision to become a Middle-Income Country by 2025.

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