**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF NORWAY AT THE 33RD UPR WORKING GROUP, 6 MAY 2019**

Mr President,

Singapore acknowledges the Norwegian government’s continuing efforts to build a more just and equal society.

 In this context, we commend Norway for recognising that its special education system is inadequate for children with disabilities and that it will present a white paper on early intervention and inclusive education in 2019. We **recommend** that the government consults with all relevant stakeholders, in particular the families of children with disabilities, to ensure that the white paper can lead to effective policies to help all children attain their full potential.

 Norway is one of the world’s largest aid donors and its Government had presented white papers on development cooperation and human rights in 2014 and 2018.

One of the key principles outlined in these white papers is the importance of supporting partner countries’ own priorities and plans, while ensuring room for flexibility and changes to the cooperation. We **recommend** that Norway adheres to these important principles in the delivery of development assistance to other countries.

We look forward to strengthening our collaboration with Norway in supporting the development efforts of other countries to attain their human rights and development goals.

 Thank you Mr President.

. . . . .