**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF KENYA AT THE 35TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 23 JANUARY 2020**

Singapore welcomes the delegation and acknowledges Kenya’s efforts since its last review to promote and protect the rights of its people.

We note the government’s efforts to protect the rights of the child, including through the implementation of Kenya’s National Plan of Action for Children (2015-2022) and the establishment of a National Curriculum Policy in 2015 as well as a Competency-Based Curriculum in 2018. We note that Kenya’s National Report highlights the need to review the Special Needs Education Policy (2009) and that inclusive education is now the overarching principle of this policy. Singapore **recommends** that this review take place expeditiously to ensure that no child is left behind, and that children with disabilities are enabled to learn alongside other children to the extent possible.

Singapore also commends Kenya’s passing of its Health Act in 2017 to facilitate the highest attainable standard of health, and the rolling out of Universal Health Coverage (UHC) as a pilot programme in four counties. Singapore **recommends** that Kenya evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the UHC pilot programmes with a view to progressively expanding such programmes throughout the country.

Singapore wishes Kenya every success in its efforts to achieve its development goals for its people.

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