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

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

Singapore commends the Government’s various efforts to eradicate poverty, including through the Staged Poverty Reduction Programme and policies that prioritise inclusive economic growth, job creation, and preventive actions. We note that Armenia has also established structures necessary for the implementation of the SDGs, such as National Council for Sustainable Development under the Prime Minister of Armenia and a National SDG Innovation Lab. Singapore **recommends** that the Government consider further institutional, legislative and policy measures targeted in particular at improving the well-being of children living in poverty.

Singapore also commends Armenia’s commitment to enhance the rights of persons with disabilities. In particular, we commend Armenia’s “Comprehensive Plan for 2017-2021 on Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities”. We note that Armenia is currently developing draft laws on disability issues in line with the recommendations of the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Singapore **recommends** that that once enacted the government raise awareness of this legislation’s key provisions among all relevant stakeholders to ensure its effective implementation.

Singapore wishes Armenia every success in its efforts to achieve its development goals and to build a more inclusive society for its people.

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