**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF SWEDEN AT THE 35TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 27 JANUARY 2020**

Madam President,

Singapore notes that Sweden is one of the world’s largest aid donors and commends its sustained efforts to support developing countries overcome poverty and attain their development goals. In this role, we hope that Sweden will act sensitively and support partner countries’ own national priorities and plans.

We acknowledge the government’s efforts to address the discrimination and marginalisation of ethnic and religious minorities through existing legislation on discrimination and the National Plan to combat racism, similar forms of hostility and hate crime. We **recommend** that the government:

1. invest sufficient resources to ensure the full and effective implementation of legislation to address racism, racial discrimination, discrimination based on religion, and xenophobia;
2. develop a strategy with clear targets and indicators, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, to tackle hate speech and hate crimes based on such forms of discrimination; and
3. introduce legislation to prohibit the promotion of racial and religious hatred by organisations.

Singapore wishes Sweden every success in protecting the human rights of all its people.

Thank you Madam President.

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