**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF TURKEY AT THE 35TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 28 JANUARY 2020**

 Singapore welcomes Turkey’s efforts to improve access to education for its people, including for persons with disabilities, through projects such as the Inclusive Education Programme. We commend in particular efforts to allow persons with disabilities to integrate with their non-disabled peers in a learning environment. We **recommend** that Turkey continues to expand the coverage of programmes and projects to facilitate inclusive education for persons with disabilities, including in rural areas.

 We commend Turkey’s efforts to combat violence against women through programmes such as the Third National Action Plan on Combatting Violence Against Women 2016 – 2020 and by strengthening institutional support services for victims. We **recommend** that Turkey continues to ensure that all relevant personnel providing support services through women’s shelters and violence prevention and monitoring centres receive adequate training and capacity building to more effectively assist women in their care.

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