**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF GUYANA AT THE 35TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 29 JANUARY 2020**

Madam President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Guyana to the 35th UPR Working Group session.

 We commend Guyana for the progress it has achieved in enhancing healthcare for its people, by strengthening health infrastructure through the construction and rehabilitation of health facilities, and through the introduction of programmes such as Health Vision 2020. We further commend Guyana’s efforts to promote universal access to health services through regular outreach to provide medical services, including in remote areas. Guyana’s high immunisation coverage, exceeding 95 percent, further demonstrates Guyana’s commitment to safeguarding the health of its population. We **recommend** that Guyana work with bilateral and international partners including the WHO, where appropriate, to train healthcare workers and increase the capacity of its health systems to meet the needs of its people, particularly in rural and remote areas.

 We commend Guyana’s significant investment in education, particularly the allocation of 221 billion Guyana dollars to the Ministry of Education since 2015. We welcome Guyana’s efforts to examine factors underlying the exclusion of children from education and address these through the Education Sector Plan 2019 – 2023. We **recommend** that Guyana consider monitoring the implementation of programmes under the Plan to facilitate a comprehensive evaluation of its successes and continuing gaps.

 As a fellow SIDS and small state, we wish Guyana every success in implementing its Green State Development Strategy 2040 and promoting the human rights of its people

Thank you.

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