**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF HONDURAS AT THE 36TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 5 NOVEMBER 2020**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation and commends Honduras’ efforts since its last review to promote and protect its people’s rights, including establishing a Ministry of Human Rights in 2017.

We note the various measures to combat violence against women through improved victim-response services and the use of special domestic violence courts. Given the heightened risks of domestic violence during the COVID-19 pandemic, **Singapore recommends that in cooperation with relevant international partners, as appropriate, Honduras continues to strengthen efforts to eliminate violence against women, including during the pandemic, by improving access to justice, enhancing community education, and increasing victim support.**

We also acknowledge Honduras’ efforts to improve their national health system to promote access to health services and universal coverage through the implementation of the National Health Policy and 2019-2022 health sector workplan. **Singapore recommends that Honduras continue its efforts to strengthen its national healthcare system and the accessibility of essential health services, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

As a fellow small state, Singapore wishes Honduras every success in its efforts to counter the COVID-19 pandemic, build-back better and achieve its human rights and development goals.

Thank you, Mdm President.

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