**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF LIBYA AT THE 36TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 11 NOVEMBER 2020**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation and acknowledges Libya’s efforts to promote and protect the rights of its people despite the complex challenges it faces. We also acknowledge Libya’s efforts to achieve peace through a political solution, most recently through the signing of a permanent ceasefire agreement on 23 October.

We commend the Government’s efforts to fulfil its obligation to ensure the right to education, including allocating 16% of its national budget to the education sector in 2019 and the signing of an agreement with UNICEF on curriculum development.

**Singapore recommends that, considering the COVID-19 pandemic, Libya take the necessary steps, including by working with the relevant UN agencies, as appropriate, to mitigate the negative impact on access to education, in particular for vulnerable groups such as children and persons with disabilities.**

We also commend Libya’s commitment to guarantee comprehensive and quality health care for all, including through the provision of free health-care services, attaining 100% coverage for primary healthcare services and taking steps to provide health insurance to all its citizens.

**Given the COVID-19 situation, Singapore recommends that Libya continuing working with the relevant UN agencies, including the WHO, to combat the pandemic, in particular through greater public awareness efforts.**

As a fellow small state, Singapore wishes Libya every success in its efforts to counter the COVID-19 pandemic, build-back better and advance the human rights of its people.

Thank you, Mdm President.

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