**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF MONGOLIA AT THE 36TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 4 NOVEMBER 2020**

Mdm President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation’s participation and recognises Mongolia’s progress since its last review to promote and protect the human rights of its population.

We commend Mongolia’s substantial efforts to advance the rights of persons with disabilities, including through the enactment of the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2016 and the ministerial endorsement of Guidelines for providing comprehensive development support to children with disabilities.

We note that the government has nearly finished developing the Education Sector Master Plan 2021-2030 that includes inclusive and equitable education of children with disabilities. **Singapore recommends that Mongolia finalise this Master Plan expeditiously and undertake awareness raising activities to facilitate its full implementation, in consultation with the relevant stakeholders.**

We also commend Mongolia’s commitment to gender equality through adopting concrete measures such as the National Program on Gender Equality 2017- 2021 and the restructuring of the National Committee on Gender Equality to be an independent entity with an allocated budget to ensure inter-sectorial coordination in promoting gender equality.

**Singapore recommends that Mongolia continues its inter-sectorial and cross-governmental approach to promoting gender equality and that it works with the relevant international partners, as appropriate, to develop training programmes to empower women with practical tools to overcome gender barriers and biases in the workplace.**

 As a fellow small state, we wish Mongolia every success in achieving its development goals and improving the lives of its people, particularly as it builds back after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Mdm President.

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