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Mr. President,

Franciscans International (FI) welcomes the adoption of the outcomes of the UPR Singapore. We commend Singapore's effort in combating trafficking, in particular through the ratification of Palermo Protocol in 2015. This implementation of the protocol a step forward to guarantee the protection and rehabilitation of the victims of trafficking in persons, especially for women and children. We also welcome the acceptance of the recommendations on trafficking in person.

However, we would like to express our concern on the reluctance of the Government of Singapore to guarantee the full protection and enjoyment of the human rights of migrant workers, who some of them are allegedly victims of trafficking in person.

Therefore, in the process of the implementation of the UPR recommendations, we recommend the Government of Singapore to consider the following:

- 1. Ensure the prosecution and punishment of individuals involved in trafficking and provide further protection and rehabilitation mechanisms for victims.**
- 2. Improve the transparency of the hiring process for foreign workers, with particular attention paid to the entertainment and labour sectors where there is allegation of trafficking cases;**
- 3. Redefine enforcement regulations on trafficking to coincide with the provisions of the Criminal Procedures Code of Singapore.**

I thank you.