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**Поощрение и защита всех прав человека,
гражданских, политических, экономических,
социальных и культурных прав,
включая право на развитие**

Вербальная нота Постоянного представительства Сингапура при Отделении Организации Объединенных Наций в Женеве от 12 марта 2013 года, адресованная секретариату Совета по правам человека

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* Воспроизводится в приложении в полученном виде только на языке, на котором оно представлено.

Приложение

[English only]

Statement delivered on 8 March 2013 on the proposed draft resolution on a panel on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed, during the general debate on item 3, ‘Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development’, at the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of a group of countries (as indicated at the end of the statement), with regard to the draft resolution calling for the formation of a “Panel on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed”.

The draft resolution is clearly not about the rights of the child and disingenuously misconstrues the object and purpose of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It seeks to advance a narrow agenda to abolish the death penalty by drawing a fallacious link between the rights of the child and the application of the death penalty.

Article 9 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child addresses the protection and well-being of children who are separated from their parent or parents against their will, irrespective of the causes of the separation. Article 9 seeks to protect the best interests of the child in all instances of separation set out in it. While the Convention recognises the need for States Parties to ensure the non-separation of the child from its parents in Article 9(1), the Convention also accepts that action initiated by States Parties such as detention, imprisonment, exile, deportation or death as set out in Article 9(4) can result in separation. It is important to note that the Convention does not prohibit such action, but only obliges States to provide essential information concerning the whereabouts of the absent family member.

Mr President

The draft dangerously fudges the line between universally accepted human rights, i.e., the protection of the rights of the child, and concepts fraught with controversy, i.e. application of the death penalty. Establishing a panel with the mandate proposed in the draft resolution sets a bad precedent for thematic discussions in the Council and will further burden the Council’s overstretched resources.

In the spirit of constructive international dialogue, we believe that if a panel is formed it should respect the letter and spirit of the Convention of the Rights of the Child. The thematic discussion should follow the framework of Article 9 of the Convention and focus on protecting the human rights and best interests of children who are separated from their parents against their will, irrespective of the causes of the separation.

We request that this statement be circulated as an official document of the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council.

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