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**Promoción y protección de todos los derechos humanos,
civiles, políticos, económicos, sociales y culturales,
incluido el derecho al desarrollo**

Nota verbal de fecha 28 de marzo de 2013 dirigida a la secretaría del Consejo de Derechos Humanos por la Misión Permanente de Singapur ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra

La Misión Permanente de la República de Singapur ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otras organizaciones internacionales en Ginebra saluda atentamente a la secretaría del Consejo de Derechos Humanos y tiene el honor de referirse a la declaración que figura en el anexo*, formulada el 22 de marzo de 2013 durante el segmento destinado a comentarios generales de los Estados observadores al final del 22º período de sesiones del Consejo, sobre la preocupación de Singapur por la aprobación del proyecto de decisión A/HRC/22/L.28¹ y el proyecto de resolución A/HRC/22/L.18².

La Misión Permanente de la República de Singapur agradecería que se hiciese distribuir la declaración como documento del Consejo de Derechos Humanos en su 22º período de sesiones, en relación con el tema 3 de la agenda.

* Se reproduce en el anexo tal como se recibió, en el idioma en que se presentó únicamente.

¹ Decisión 22/117.

² Resolución 22/11.

Anexo

[Inglés únicamente]

Statement by the delegation of Singapore during the general comments by observer States at the end of the twenty-second session of the Human Rights Council

Singapore wishes to place on record our concerns with regard to the adoption of first, the decision L.28 on “High-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty” and second, the resolution L.18 on a “Panel on the human rights of children of parents sentenced to the death penalty or executed”.

The scope of the panel discussion in L.28 is to address the implementation of a moratorium on the use of death penalty and is premised on the abolition of the death penalty as a universal goal. This completely ignores the fact that there is no international consensus on the abolition of or moratorium on the use of death penalty to begin with. It also ignores the principle that every country has the sovereign right to decide its own criminal justice system based on the best interests of its people, according to its unique circumstances.

L.18 tries to draw a fallacious link between the rights of the child and the application of the death penalty. It disingenuously misconstrues the Convention on the Rights of the Child to advance a narrow agenda to abolish the death penalty. The proposed panel also contravenes paragraph 117e of the HRC institutional building package which calls for States to exercise restraint in resorting to resolutions, especially when HRC resolution 19/37, in particular its paragraph 70(c), already provides for a considered and structured approach to addressing children’s rights issues holistically in the HRC.

Furthermore, the biased scope of the proposed panels in L.28 and L.18 contradicts General Assembly resolution 60/251 which articulates that the promotion and protection of human rights should be based on the principles of cooperation and genuine dialogue.

The adoption of the two proposals undermines and discredits the Council as a forum for promoting dialogue and mutual understanding on the issue of the death penalty.
