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■In 15 mins, #Singapore ■■and #UN anti-#racism body #CERD■■will resume the discussion to review the government's efforts to #fightracism. Today's focuses are the situations of ethno-religious minorities & migrants.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, recommends #Singapore ■■ to fully investigate and prosecute racist hate crimes. Domestic law should fully incorporate Art. 4 of ICERD to address racist hate speech & hate crimes

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, requests #Singapore ■■ for latest statistics disaggregated by ethnicity and sex on socio-economic indicators of minorities.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, asks #Singapore ■■ to provide data of representation of minorities in public institutions.

Does it have a plan to amend Muslim law in order to ensure equality?

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, asks #Singapore ■■ about measures against racial discrimination in employment including dress codes that affect Muslim women.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, shares a concern with #Singapore ■■ on the report that Malay women are indirectly discriminated in housing policies.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, shares a concern with #Singapore ■■ that migrant domestic workers are not covered by the employment act but subject to limited labour rights under a specific act.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, raises a concern to #Singapore ■■ that migrant domestic workers have to pay high fees for recruitment and health insurance. Many employers take their passports.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, raises a concern to #Singapore ■■ that migrant construction workers are housed in overcrowded dormitories that expose them to COVID-19.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, asks #Singapore ■■ what are measures are taken to protect migrant workers from exploitation and ensure their access to remedies without fear. He requests data for such cases.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, requests #Singapore ■■ to provide data on the number of asylum applications and granted refugee status.

He requests disaggregated data on stateless persons.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD country rapporteur, Mr. Bossuyt, requests #Singapore ■■ to provide information on measures taken against human trafficking. He encourages it to strengthening training to identify and support victims.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Stavrinaki, asks #Singapore ■■ to respond to reports that migrant women are subject to compulsory monitoring that affects their sexual and reproductive rights.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Mr. Payandeh (@PayandehMehrdad), asks #Singapore ■■ to clarify what are "legitimate reasons" for private employers to ban headscarves.

He raises a concern on discriminatory impact of the headscarf wearing ban. **https://t.co/0H4K4YjAxF**

#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Mr. Diaby (@bakari_sidiki), asks #Singapore ■■ to provide info on the representation of minorities in media and education curricula.

He requests info on complaints of racial profiling.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Shepherd (@VereneAShep), asks #Singapore ■■ whether it has plans to implement the Int' Decade of People of African Descent and DDPA.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Tlakula, asks #Singapore ■■ to clarify whether students can study in their mother tongue or not.

She requests for info on cases of racial discrimination handled by the Ministry of Manpower.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Chung, requests #Singapore ■■ to provide statistics on the composition of Special Assistance Plan (SAP) schools. What measures are taken against marginalization of ethnic minorities?

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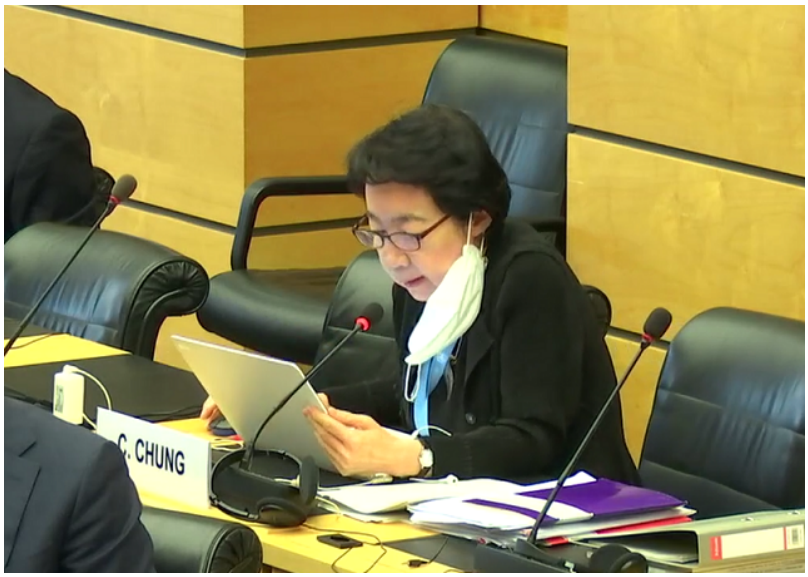

#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Mr. Amir, asks #Singapore ■■ what support is provided to victims of racial discrimination in their access to justice such as interpreters.

How will it plan to distribute concluding observations of the Committee? **https://t.co/75HVvYrOMe**

#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that its Inter-Minister Committee on ICERD consulted with the public including CSOs in preparation of the State party report.

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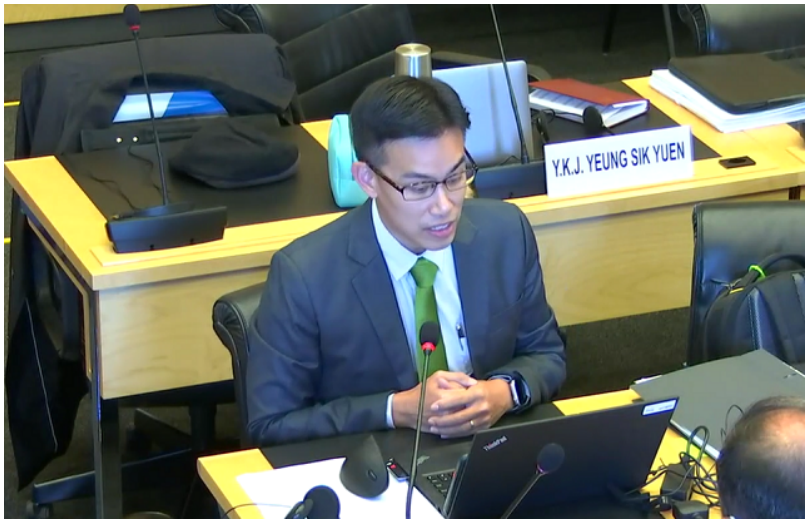

#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that while the public legal aid is limited to citizens and permanent residents, voluntary welfare organisations provide such services to migrants.

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#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth initiates discussions on race.

Anyone can request for judicial reviews of legislation for concern of discrimination.

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#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that all accused persons can inform the court on the interpretation of a preferred language.

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#Singapore ■■ tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that average of 40 employers have been sanctioned by the Ministry of Manpower between 2014 and early 2021 for employment discrimination.

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#Singapore ■■tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD - It recognises that drug abuse is more prevalent among certain communities, therefore they work with those communities to address the issue.

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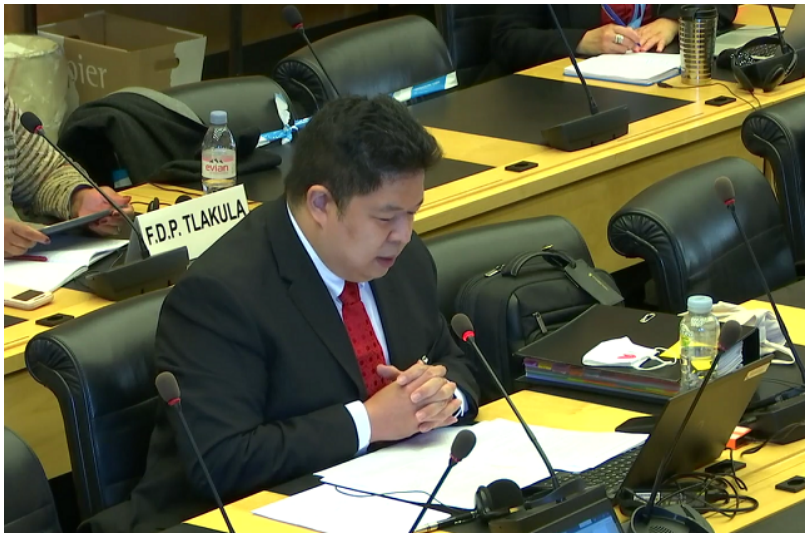

#Singapore ■■informs #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that it works closely with the Malay community for drug prevention education.

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#Singapore ■■tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that there no discrimination based on race in the criminal justice system and rehabilitation system.

It says that no prison inmates are held in solitary confinement up to 1 year.

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#Singapore ■■tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that it prohibits criminalised organisations that incite racial discrimination.

120 police investigations took place between 2016-20 for wounding racial or religious harmony. 15 of which resulted in conviction.

#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that all domestic workers are excluded from the employment act whether they are migrants or not.

Employment of Foreign Manpower Act provides specific regulations and protections.

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#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that health insurance for migrant domestic workers is sufficient. It covers 90% of their medical expenses.

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#Singapore ■■ tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that it doesn't single out migrant workers for more restrictive measures including on their freedom of movement.

They are progressing easing the restrictions to leave their dormitories.

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#Singapore ■■ answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that its education system teaches children on religious and racial sensitivities and to respect diversity. Stereotypes are not reinforced.

■Livestreaming: **https://t.co/9e2zqFC43R https://t.co/kPksGPDh4W**

#Singapore ■■ answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that students learn English and their mother tongue at school.

Special Assistance Plan (SAP) schools are to sustain Chinese language and culture.

Specialised school curriculum are available for Tamil and Malay students.

#Singapore ■■ tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that Malay students' enrolment in university increased from 6% in 2010 to 11% in 2020. The increase in educational achievements grew most significantly for Malays in the last 10 years.

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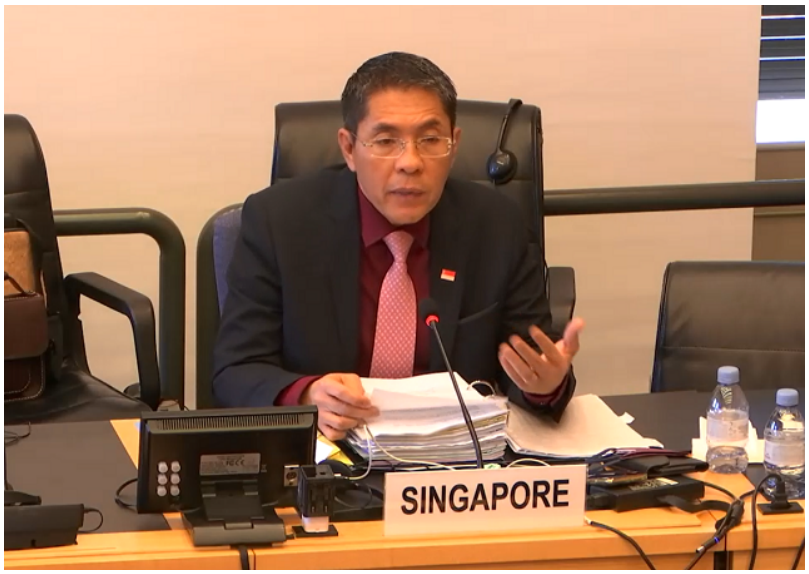

#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Mr. Kut, reminds #Singapore ■■ that it should note grievances of victims of racial discrimination before rejecting quickly them as false, but instead it should address them and report back next time.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Izsak-Ndiaye (@IzsakRita), asks #Singapore ■■ - What is their plan for follow-up and implementation of concluding observations of the Committee at the national level.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Ms. Misnad, requests #Singapore ■■ for further information on the status of Muslim family law.

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#UN anti-#racism body #CERD member, Mr. Diaby (@bakari_sidiki), asks #Singapore ■■ if it intends to amend domestic law to allow #humanrights defenders, especially migrant and minority rights defenders, to carry out their activities freely and to strengthen the judicial protection **https://t.co/7yIvPx1NUW**

#Singapore ■■tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that it plans to introduce a "racial harmony maintenance" bill.

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#Singapore ■■answers to #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that its Interministeral Committee on ICERD will take the Committee's concluding observations on board and consider them with stakeholders.

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#Singapore ■■ tells #UN anti-#racism body #CERD that the Online Falsehood and Manipulation Act doesn't prevent individuals from raising a concern on racial discrimination in the country.

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