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SINGAPORE TO THE UNITED NATIONS , ON AGENDA ITEM 168, ON
THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE
HOST COUNTRY, SIXTH COMMITTEE ,
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1 Thank you very much, Mr Chairman. I am delighted to be here as you pursue your very important work. At the outset, my delegation thanks Ambassador Andreas Hadjichrysanthou of Cyprus for his able stewardship of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and his presentation of the & R P P L Report. H H V

2 Singapore has followed the work of the Committee closely throughout the reporting period. We have listened carefully to the issues that have been raised in the Committee, including those relating to entry visas. We have also listened carefully to the responses of the host country. In this connection, we wish to make three points.

3 First, my delegation wishes to reiterate that the United Nations is at the centre of the rules-based multilateral system, and that all aspects of the organisation and its work must necessarily be consistent with international law. This includes the relationship that the host country has with the organisation and that the host country has with Member States. The relevant body of international law, which includes the

conclusions with respect to the non-issuance of entry visas to certain representatives of certain Member States. We note that affected representatives have included heads of delegations. We agree with the Committee that full participation of all delegations in the work of the United Nations is of importance. Indeed, that is the essence of the rules-based

multilateral system. In this regard, w