

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON ALGERIA ON 29 MAY
2012**

Madam President,

1 Algeria has undergone significant domestic developments in recent years, the most important of which was the decision by the Government in 2011 to end its State of Emergency after 19 years. Algeria has since made progress in its development and in achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which include many basic human rights. We note in particular Algeria's achievements in providing access to primary education and health. Significant improvements have also been made in reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS. We **recommend** that Algeria continues its efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to improve the quality of living of its people.

2 Algeria's efforts in promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women are also worth mentioning. Women in Algeria now enjoy greater opportunities for political participation. The percentage of women parliamentary members in Algeria now stands at an admirable 31% following the recent election of the National People's Assembly on 10 May 2012. According to UNICEF, women's enrolment for tertiary education in Algeria is also higher than that of men. Singapore **recommends** that Algeria continues to promote gender equality and to safeguard the rights of women.

3 Singapore joins the other friends of Algeria in wishing the country success in advancing human rights of Algerians.