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**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON BAHRAIN ON 21 MAY 2012**
[Speaking time: 1 min 49s]

Madam President,

1 We note Bahrain's establishment of the National Consensus Dialogue and Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry in 2011 under the royal decrees of His Majesty King Hamad, which we believe are positive steps taken by the Government to enhance consultative governance and to restore social harmony and stability. We also note Bahrain's efforts in promoting human rights education and training through the holding of workshops and training courses for government officials, including the law enforcement officers. We **recommend** that Bahrain continues its efforts to build up capacities and knowledge of human rights in its public sector.

2 We also note Bahrain's progress in promoting gender equality, including the measures and mechanisms contained in the Action Programme for the 2010-2014 legislative session on empowering women economically, politically and socially, and through the update of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women by the Supreme Council for Women (SCW). We **recommend** that Bahrain continues to pay attention to promoting gender equality and eliminating discrimination against women.

3 Singapore joins the other friends of Bahrain in wishing it well in its continued efforts to enhance human rights. Thank you, Madam President.