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**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP SESSION ON INDONESIA ON 23 MAY 2012**

Madam President,

1 As an immediate neighbour of Indonesia, Singapore has witnessed its progressive democratic reforms and increased emphasis on human rights over the years. It is also significant that Indonesia has succeeded in maintaining the peaceful co-existence of its diverse religions and ethnicities.

2 Singapore recognises the progress Indonesia has made in promoting the role of women in public and political life. Measures have also been taken by Indonesia to safeguard the rights of women and children and to protect them from violence, including through human rights education and training. In this regard, we **recommend** that Indonesia continues to strengthen its capacity in addressing the issue of violence against women as well as children.

3 Singapore notes Indonesia's efforts in strengthening the rule of law. We note that revision of the penal code and institutional reforms of the military and police force are ongoing. We **recommend** that Indonesia continues its efforts to enhance the respect for human rights and rule of law in its security sector through education and institutional reforms.

4 As a fellow member of ASEAN, Singapore wishes Indonesia well in advancing the human rights of its people.