

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON MOROCCO ON 22 MAY 2012**

Madam President,

1 Singapore commends Morocco's commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights. In particular, we note Morocco's efforts in recent years to further strengthen its domestic human rights framework, including the establishment of the Inter-Ministerial Unit on Human Rights in 2011. We also note its progress in human rights education in schools and training for law enforcement officers. We **recommend** that Morocco continues its efforts to enhance general education, awareness campaigns and training programmes on human rights.

2 Morocco has also undertaken significant efforts to improve its health care system. In particular, we note its progress in reducing the maternal mortality rate through measures such as the introduction of free obstetric and neonatal care in rural areas and deployment of mobile medical units for prevention and diagnosis of high-risk pregnancies. Singapore **recommends** that Morocco, with the assistance from the relevant international organizations such as the WHO, continue to enhance access to health care by women and further reduce the maternal mortality rate, especially in the rural areas.

3 Singapore joins the many friends of Morocco in wishing the country well in advancing human rights of its people.