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

Madam President,

1 Singapore recognises the challenges faced by Tunisia, particularly in rebuilding the fabric of its society following the revolution in December 2010. Against this backdrop, the strides made by Tunisia to enhance the rule of law and respect of human rights, and to bring about national unity and reconciliation are noteworthy. In particular, the drafting of new legislation to ensure the independence of the judicial system, the establishment of the Ministry of Human Rights and Transitional Justice and the reform of its security apparatus demonstrated the commitment of the Tunisian Government to strengthen the criminal justice system and to uphold the rule of law in the society. We **recommend** that Tunisia continues its efforts to develop and enhance its national institutions to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of its people.

2 We take note of the steps taken by Tunisia, in consultation with civil society, to formulate appropriate mechanisms to develop and enforce legislations and policies on child protection. We also note Tunisia's efforts in carrying out a thorough reform of its education system and the incorporation of human rights education in school programmes to promote awareness of human rights and the culture of non-violence. We **recommend** that Tunisia continues its efforts in strengthening its education system and legal framework to protect the rights of children, in accordance with its obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

3 In conclusion, we thank Tunisia for its positive engagement in the UPR process and join its many friends in wishing the country well.