

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE  
DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR)  
WORKING GROUP SESSION ON MALAYSIA ON 24  
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[Speaking time: 1 min 10 sec]

Mr President,

Singapore would like to commend Malaysia's active and constructive participation in the UPR process. Malaysia has taken into account member states' recommendations from the first UPR, and continued to identify challenges and constraints to its human rights progress as noted in its National Report. Singapore notes that Malaysia continues to address these issues by drawing up appropriate legislation while taking into account its domestic conditions and national aspirations.

Singapore also commends Malaysia's significant progress in the areas of healthcare, housing, food and employment. Under Prime Minister Najib's various initiatives, the Government has implemented several national programmes to this end. Singapore recommends that Malaysia continues its efforts to improve the enjoyment of economic and social rights and to raise the living standards of its people

Singapore would like to commend Malaysia's efforts in working towards gender equality and advancing the status of women. There are more women taking on leadership roles in Malaysia's political and business arenas today than ever before due to policies implemented by the Government. Malaysia has also played a leading role on these issues in the international arena, including hosting the Women Deliver Conference 2013 last month in Kuala Lumpur. Singapore recommends that Malaysia continues to promote gender equality and the

empowerment of women.

In conclusion, Singapore joins the many friends of Malaysia in wishing the country success in the promotion and protection of human rights.