

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON MEXICO ON 23 OCTOBER 2013**

[Speaking time:]

Mr President,

Singapore takes positive note of Mexico's progress in enhancing public security and respect for rule of law. These include the passage of the Federal Police Act to regulate the action of the police force and the legitimate use of force by law enforcement officers. We also note the directive from the President of Mexico to all units, offices and facilities of the Army and Air Force to prohibit the use of torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment at all times. Singapore **recommends** that Mexico continues to further strengthen the rule of law to provide a safe and stable living environment for its people.

Singapore also takes positive note of Mexico's efforts in combating human trafficking as reflected in the promulgation of the General Act for the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Crimes of Human Trafficking and for the Protection and Assistance of Victims in 2012. The law will help to enhance the national efforts in combating this scourge and in prosecuting offenders. We also note the provision of shelters by the Government to women who are victims of trafficking as well as assistance to help them reintegrate into society. Singapore **recommends** that Mexico continues its policies and efforts to combat human trafficking especially those of women and children.

In conclusion, we join the many friends of Mexico in wishing the country success in protecting human rights.