

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP
SESSION ON YEMEN ON 29 JANUARY 2014**

Mr President,

Singapore notes the challenges faced by Yemen especially since the political changes in 2011. We note the Government's emphasis on restoring peace and stability and enhancing the respect for human rights in the country. The Government has been making efforts to strengthen the rule of law and reform the judiciary, as set out in the Transitional Programme for Stabilisation and Development 2012-2014. Singapore **recommends** that Yemen continues to strengthen the rule of law through judicial reform and improvement in law enforcement.

Singapore also notes the Government's efforts in improving the living standards of its people. We note that the Government has extended assistance to low-income households, particularly those in the rural areas and from the most vulnerable groups, through the Social Welfare Fund. To lay the foundation for the country's longer term development, the Government has also put in place national training programmes for the youths to enhance their work skills. Singapore **recommends** that Yemen, in cooperation with ILO and other relevant international organisations, continues to provide vocational training, especially for the youths, to build up a skilled workforce to support its development.

Singapore joins the other friends of Yemen in wishing it success.