

**STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE  
UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP  
SESSION ON EGYPT ON 5 NOVEMBER 2014**

**[Speaking time: 1 min]**

Mr President,

Singapore warmly welcomes the delegation of Egypt led by His Excellency Justice Ibrahim El Heneidy, Minister of Transitional Justice to the UPR Working Group. Since its last review, Egypt has seen profound political changes. We commend Egypt's efforts to restore political and economic stability, while implementing its national road map toward democracy. We hope that the human rights and freedoms of all Egyptians will be strengthened with Egypt's institutional reforms.

In particular, Singapore notes the steps that the Egyptian government has taken to address violence against women through measures such as the establishment of telephone hotlines and care centres for victims of violence, as well as harsher penalties for violence against women. We **recommend** that Egypt continues to ensure the effective implementation of the measures, and if necessary, introduce further practical policies to prevent all forms of violence against women, and to support the victims of such abuse.

In the same connection, Singapore also **recommends** that Egypt fully implements all practical measures feasible to provide for the care and protection of children from all forms of violence, mistreatment and exploitation, as guaranteed by its 2014 Constitution.

We join the many friends of Egypt in wishing the country every success in its reforms.