

DRAFT STATEMENT BY DELEGATION OF SINGAPORE DURING THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) WORKING GROUP SESSION ON KUWAIT ON 28 JANUARY 2015

[Speaking time: 1 minute]

Mr President,

Singapore welcomes the delegation of Kuwait to the 21st UPR Working Group session.

We recognise Kuwait's on-going efforts to promote gender equality since its last UPR, including the passage of the 2010 Private Sector Labour Law. Singapore **recommends** that Kuwait continues to review its legislation and implement practical measures, such as those contained in Kuwait's next Development plan, to eliminate discrimination against women, and to protect and empower Kuwaiti women.

Kuwait has also provided significant assistance over the past few years to support the UN's humanitarian actions to help peoples afflicted by crises, armed conflicts and natural disasters. The Secretary-General had honoured the Emir of Kuwait, calling His Highness a "humanitarian leader" and describing Kuwait as a "humanitarian centre" in recognition of such efforts. We **recommend** that Kuwait continues to provide impactful humanitarian assistance to help peoples and families struck by natural and man-made disasters.

Singapore wishes Kuwait success in implementing the recommendations of its UPR. Thank you Mr President.

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