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**Statement by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Thank you Mr. President,

The Netherlands thanks Singapore for its comprehensive report [and for addressing our advance questions].

We recommend the government of Singapore:

1. To adopt a National Action Plan to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, as recommended by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights.

2. To re-establish a moratorium on executions, with a view to the complete abolition of the death penalty.

To our knowledge, Singapore has not yet developed a National Action Plan. The Netherlands would be more than willing to share its experiences with Singapore if so requested.

Regarding the use of the death penalty, we welcome the initial progress that Singapore made on the 2011 UPR recommendations to impose a moratorium on executions.

However, we are very concerned that since the previous UPR, several executions have been carried out and new death sentences have been imposed.

Finally it would be appropriate for Singapore to address the concerns raised within the UN system on freedom of expression (para 32-35 of the compilation) and to adhere to international human rights law, in particular the Universal Declaration article 19.

Thank you Mr. President.