**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF BAHRAIN AT THE 27TH UPR WORKING GROUP, 1 MAY 2017**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Bahrain to the 27th UPR Working Group session and thanks it for its presentation.

 We commend Bahrain for the concrete legislative and policy measures it has taken to implement recommendations received at its last UPR in 2012.

 Bahrain has sought to improve the rights of women through the launch of the 2013-2022 National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini women. Bahrain has also sought to promote the economic empowerment of women through skills development. We **recommend** that Bahrain continue to implement policies that promote gender equality and provide women with opportunities to play an active role in social, economic and political spheres.

Singapore welcomes Bahrain’s efforts to better protect and support persons with disabilities. Bahrain has implemented programmes and established centres to improve access to education and job training for persons with disabilities. We **recommend** that Bahrain continues to support the integration of persons with disabilities in society through strengthening educational support and jobs training.

 We join Bahrain’s friends in wishing it success in furthering the development of its people and in protecting and promoting human rights.

 Thank you Mr President.

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