**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF BAHRAIN AT THE 41ST UPR WORKING GROUP, 7 NOVEMBER 2022**

Mr President,

 Singapore welcomes the delegation of Bahrain and welcomes the progress made since their last UPR.

 We commend the delegation for the adoption of the comprehensive and vigorous National Human Rights Plan (from 2022 to 2026). The plan details measures to promote and protect civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights, the rights of groups requiring priority care, and solidarity rights. **Singapore recommends that Bahrain continue to implement its National Human Rights Plan.** We applaud Bahrain’s strides in addressing the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic with the announcement of an economic recovery plan with over 40 initiatives. **Singapore recommends that Bahrain continue to strengthen its efforts to support its society in pandemic recovery.**

Singapore also recognises Bahrain’s efforts to promote the advancement of Bahraini women through the National Plan for the Advancement of Bharaini Women (from 2013 to 2022). We welcome the development of the next phase (from 2023 to 2030). **Singapore recommends that Bahrain continue its efforts to promote the principle of equality of opportunity and gender balance in work, society, and the public sector.**

 Thank you.

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