**STATEMENT BY THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE AT THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW (UPR) OF QATAR AT THE 33RD UPR WORKING GROUP, 15 MAY 2019**

Mr President,

 We commend Qatar for effectively promoting and protecting the human rights of its citizens through policies such as its Second National Development Strategy 2018–2022 while managing its domestic and international challenges. Qatar has also continued to contribute to the development of other States and the international system.

 We commend Qatar for its efforts to combat violence against women including by strengthening the system of social protection and rehabilitation through amendments to the statutes of the Social Protection and Rehabilitation Centre. We **recommend** that the government continue to strengthen its legal and institutional frameworks to ensure that perpetrators of violence against women are held accountable in accordance with national laws.

We commend Qatar’s ambitious new approach to overcome its health challenges through its National Health Strategy and National Primary Health-care Strategy. We **recommend** that Qatar makes preventive health a key plank of its efforts to promote the health and well-being of its citizens.

 We wish Qatar every success in achieving the Qatar National Vision 2030.

 Thank you Mr President.

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