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Madame President,

First of all, we would like to welcome the delegation of Bahrain to the UPR Working Group session and thank the distinguished for the introductory statement.

We welcome the national report of the Kingdom of Bahrain on the follow-up of the accepted recommendations which clearly indicate the achievements of the country in the field of promotion and protection of human rights during the last four years.

As it was mentioned in the national report, the Bahraini government is taking appropriate measures in order to deal with the challenge of trafficking in human beings. In that regard, we commend Bahrain for establishment of a unit to combat trafficking in persons at the Ministry of Interior, the assignment of a special public prosecutor to investigate such cases, and the establishment of a shelter (safe house) for foreign female victims. We recommend Bahrain to continue its efforts with a view of prevention and elimination of trafficking in human beings.

Azerbaijan commends Bahrain's full cooperation with the human rights instruments of the United Nations. The high-level visits by the UN agencies to Bahrain should be particularly mentioned in that regard. We recommend Bahrain to continue its active engagement with the human rights mechanisms of UN for the protection and promotion of human rights.

We also note with appreciation the measures of Bahrain for the improvement of housing conditions of workers, especially the working plan for a campaign to inspect worker housing. It is unequivocally seen from the report that Bahrain does its utmost in order to protect the rights of workers through implementing the relevant efforts on the national level.

Last, but not least, we believe that interactive discussions in the Human Rights Council on the second national report of Bahrain will further contribute to strengthening and promoting human rights in the country.

Thank you for your attention.