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Intervention of Bangladesh on the UPR of Bahrain

Thank you Madam President,

My delegation welcomes the delegation of Bahrain led by H.E. Dr. Salah Bin Ali Mohamed Abdulrahman. We would like to congratulate Bahraini delegation for the cooperative, open and positive approach exercised in its preparation for the review as the first country being reviewed in the second cycle of the UPR. We commend the candid presentation on the human rights situation in the country.

We welcome the commitment of Bahrain in building capacities, aimed at guaranteeing human rights through its acceptance of the implementation of all National Consensus Dialogue visions. My delegation commends also the application of human rights norms through various initiatives and changes adopted in the normative and institutional framework for the protection and promotion of human rights. We appreciate the positive engagement with the Commission of Inquiry and encourage the efforts for implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.

Madam President, we appreciate Bahrain for hosting a significant number of migrant workers. While my delegation would like to know more on the actions taken by Bahrain to improve conditions of migrant workers, we would like to recommend that Bahrain intensifies its efforts in addressing the welfare of expatriate labors.

Madam President, we find Bahrain's strides in ensuring empowerment and rights of women commendable. The ongoing efforts to advance the rights of women and their participation in the social and political domains through inclusion of a gender perspective in the national planning demonstrates their commitment. We find the activities of the Supreme Council for Women including the national conference for Bahraini women to be appreciable. While appreciating such efforts, we recommend Bahrain to continue its efforts to strengthen policies, programmes and mechanisms for enhancing women's rights, empowerment and equality in its national aspirations and successes.

Finally, before concluding we would like to appreciate the delegation of the Bahraini Permanent Mission for their engagement. I thank you.