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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Madam President,

My delegation took note of the national report of the Government of Bahrain. However, we would like to draw the attention of the Working Group to the compilation prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner (contained in document A/HRC/WG.6/13/BHR/2) in which concerns were expressed over the deterioration of human rights situation in Bahrain. In section B of the said report, the High Commissioner and other mandate holders of the Human Rights

Council expressed alarm at the Bahrain's authorities excessive use of force and urged the Bahraini Government to undertake serious investigations into allegations of torture and abuse of detention rights of hundreds of political and human rights activists and release all peaceful demonstrators who had been arrested. In Section C of the Compilation under the title of administration of justice and impunity the High Commissioner and mandate holders of the Council urged the government of Bahrain to end impunity and bring all those responsible for assaulting and killing of protesters to justice.

Finally, we recommend the government of Bahrain

- 1- to fully implement all recommendations made to it by the UN mandate holders including the immediate end of violence and release of all political prisoners and ending impunity thus bring perpetrators to justice
- 2- To establish an open, genuine, all-inclusive and effective national dialogue among different concerned parties with the aim of effectively addressing the legitimate aspirations and concerns of the all population in a democratic manner.

Thank you