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We thank the distinguished delegation of Bahrain for its presentation and the national report, which highlights what has been done to implement the recommendations accepted during the first cycle of the UPR.

Italy has closely followed the events in February-March 2011 that led to the proclamation of the state of emergency, later revoked. Italy believes that the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry chaired by Professor Bassiouni is of fundamental importance for national reconciliation and for re-launching and stepping up the pace of reforms in the country and we welcome the measures already adopted by the authorities in this regard.

We have one question and two recommendations.

The Commission of Inquiry recommended the Government, inter alia, to consider rebuilding, at its expense, some of the demolished religious Shia worship sites and mosques in accordance with administrative regulations. What are the concrete measures undertaken by the Government of Bahrain in this direction?

Alleged abuses and mistreatment of detainees, in some cases amounting to torture, continue to be reported even after the publication of the Commission of Inquiry's findings. Italy recommends Bahrain to properly investigate all alleged cases of mistreatment and torture and establish accountability of those responsible.

Finally, Italy recommends Bahrain to establish a moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty.

I thank you, Madame President.

Roberto Noulle
First secretary