

UPR – review of Bahrain – Statement by Poland

Poland would like to thank the delegation of Bahrain for its informative national report and constructive participation in the UPR process and His/Her Excellency for his/her introductory statement.

Poland would like to submit to Bahrain the following recommendations:

1. The Polish delegation is concerned at the trials of civilians before **military courts** for crimes allegedly committed during protests in 2011, in particular harsh sentences imposed on medical professionals and teachers as well as the application of the death penalty without due process.

Poland would like to recommend to Bahrain to ensure that all the cases of civilians are referred to civilian courts.

2. National Human Rights Commission was not accredited by the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. We would like to recommend to Bahrain to establish human rights institution in full compliance with the Paris Principles.