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**Review of Costa Rica**

**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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Bahrain wishes to welcome the distinguished delegation of Costa Rica to this Working group and we thank them for the thorough presentation of their national report.

My delegation commends the ongoing efforts of the Costa Rican Government, including the role of the Defensoría de los Habitantes to promote and protect human rights.

Bahrain welcomes the entry into force of the Act on trafficking in persons and the establishment of the national coalition against migrant smuggling and human trafficking. We also welcome the adoption of a national response and preventive system on violence against women, including domestic violence, as well as, the inclusion of the road map in the national development plan 2010- 2014 to eliminate the worst forms of child labour.

Mr. President,

My delegation would like to present the following recommendations:

- 1- Ensure that women victims of violence have prompt access to justice and that the acts of violence are adequately prevented, investigated, punished and redressed.**
- 2- Ensure effective implementation of the Act on human trafficking and migrants smuggling and the adoption of appropriate legal, administrative and preventive measures aimed at creating effective policy and institutional frameworks for combating the exploitation of persons, especially women and children.**
- 3- Ensure implementation of the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD).**

Thank you.