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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM
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Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam wishes to thank *H.E. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Abdulrahman Bin Jassim Al-Thani, Assistant Minister for International Cooperation Affairs of the State of Qatar* for the comprehensive presentation of the national report.

Brunei Darussalam welcomes the State of Qatar's continued commitment towards the promotion and protection of human rights for its people. This is evidently seen through the various legislative, legal and other measures it has taken, particularly through the Qatar National Vision 2030 and the National Development Strategy 2011–2016.

Brunei Darussalam is also encouraged by the State of Qatar's efforts in strengthening the role of women, including through the establishment of the Supreme Council, which allows for a more comprehensive approach in addressing the concerns for family and women. Furthermore, we commend the adoption of a human rights perspective in dealing with issues relating to women, children, persons with disabilities and the elderly by the Council.

In this regard, Brunei Darussalam **recommends** the State of Qatar to continue its efforts in promoting and protecting the rights of vulnerable groups, particularly women and children.

Finally, Brunei Darussalam appreciates the State of Qatar's continued commitment to fulfil its human rights obligations and its cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms.

Thank you, Mr. President.