



Statement

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With

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In the name of God, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

Mr. President,

**Distinguished members,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Peace, mercy and blessings of God be up on you,

At the outset, allow me to express on behalf of the delegation of my country our pleasure to meet the Universal Periodic Review Working Group at the Human Rights Council in the context of the consideration of the second report of the State of Qatar.

In the State of Qatar we look favorably to the important role carried out by the Working Group in helping States to improve, strengthen and promote their commitments stemming from the International Human Rights Law. In this regard, we emphasize Qatar's full support and collaboration with the Working Group and other International and regional mechanisms concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights. We highly appreciate this interactive dialogue which is carried out in an objective, transparent and non-selective manner, and which is based on a constructive approach.

The State of Qatar looks at the interactive dialogue with the Working Group as a reciprocal exchange process which enhances growing understanding between it and the Working Group. Indeed, since the review of our first report, we believe that the collaboration with the Working Group and other treaty bodies to which Qatar is a party, represents - in view of the constructive dialogue it encompasses - a source of encouragement for us to fully cooperate with the Working Group and other International and Regional Mechanisms dealing with the promotion and protection of human rights towards ensuring rights and achieving the goals. We also believe that the periodic review process is a valuable opportunity for us to carry out a self-criticism and proper analysis of our situation, in order to improve and advance our internal practices.

