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UPR of the KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

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The Philippines welcomes the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the presentation of its third national report.

The Philippines is pleased with the great strides of Bahrain in the promotion and protection of human rights, especially of the rights of women since the second cycle of the UPR. In particular, my delegation is pleased with the launching of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women, 2013-2022.

We note with appreciation Bahrain’s the recent accession to the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Bahrain, now a state party to 7 out of the 9 international human rights conventions, should continue to pursue path of strengthening its normative human rights framework.

We also welcome the establishment of the Bahrain’s national human rights institution that is independent and compliant with Paris Principle

My delegation recommends the following:

1. Step efforts in amending its law to allow the grant of Bahraini citizenship to children whose mother are married to foreigners;
2. Ensure the effective protection of migrants, particular women migrant workers, against discrimination;
3. Ratify ICRMW and ILO Convention189.

We wish Bahrain success in the implementation of the accepted recommendations in this cycle of the UPR. Thank you, Mister President. **END**