**Intervention of Slovenia**

**Review of Bahrain**

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Mr President,

Slovenia welcomes the delegation of Bahrain to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We would like to make the following two **recommendations** to Bahrain:

* Set a timeline with clear deadlines for the implementation of all BICI recommendations and provide regular and public reports on the progress of their implementation;
* Amend the Citizenship Law to enable women to transfer nationality to their children without restriction and on equal basis to men.

We note certain efforts have been made to promote **gender equality** and empowerment of women. Nevertheless, women's representation in decision-making remains limited and women continue to be underrepresented in political and public life.

We are concerned about reports on restrictions imposed on the **freedom of expression**. We call on Bahrain to ensure a safe and enabling environment where human rights defenders can freely express their views and advocate for the protection and promotion of human rights.

Finally, we deeply regret the executions carried out in January this year and would like to urge Bahrain to reconsider its position on **death penalty** by establishing a moratorium on its use.

Thank you.