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 Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

 Qatar

 Introduction

1. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, established in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 5/1, held its forty-seventh session from 4 to 15 November 2024. The review of Qatar was held at the 14th meeting, on 12 November 2024. The delegation of Qatar was headed by the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar in Geneva, H.E. Dr. Hend Abdalrahman Al-Muftah. At its 17th meeting, held on 15 November 2024, the Working Group adopted the report on Qatar.

2. On 10 January 2024, the Human Rights Council selected the following group of rapporteurs (troika) to facilitate the review of Qatar: Chile, Maldives, and Sudan.

3. In accordance with paragraph 15 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and paragraph 5 of the annex to Council resolution 16/21, the following documents were issued for the review of Qatar:

 (a) A national report submitted/written presentation made in accordance with paragraph 15 (a);[[1]](#footnote-2)

 (b) A compilation prepared by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in accordance with paragraph 15 (b);[[2]](#footnote-3)

 (c) A summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c).[[3]](#footnote-4)

4. A list of questions prepared in advance by Angola, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, members of the core group of sponsors of the resolutions on the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment (Costa Rica, Maldives and Slovenia), Germany, Liechtenstein, Portugal, on behalf of the Group of Friends on national mechanisms for implementation, reporting and follow-up, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the United States of America, was transmitted to Qatar through the troika. These questions are available on the website of the universal periodic review.

 I. Summary of the proceedings of the review process

[To be completed by 22 November 2024]

 A. Presentation by the State under review

 B. Interactive dialogue and responses by the State under review

5. During the interactive dialogue, 112 delegations made statements. Recommendations made during the dialogue are to be found in section II of the present report.

 II. Conclusions and/or recommendations

6. **The following recommendations will be examined by Qatar, which will provide responses in due time, but no later than the fifty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council:**

* + - 1. 6.1 **Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Cyprus); (Denmark); (Switzerland);**

6.2 **Consider the possibility of acceding to the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Niger);**

6.3 **Consider accession to the Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Colombia);**

6.4 **Ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Estonia);**

6.5 **Remove all reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and ratify the Optional Protocol (Czechia);**

6.6 **Ratify the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Ecuador);**

6.7 **Consider revisiting the issue of accession to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (Philippines);**

6.8 **Step up efforts to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Mongolia);**

6.9 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France);**

6.10 **Expedite the deliberation on becoming a party to International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (Thailand);**

6.11 **Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, and the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Chile);**

6.12 **Ratify the core human rights instruments to which it has not yet become a party and withdraw reservations and interpretative declarations to international instruments to which it is a party (Slovenia);**

6.13 **Ratify core human rights instruments to which it is not yet a party, and withdraw reservations and declarations on those to which it is a party (Paraguay);**

6.14 **Prioritise the ratification of international human rights treaties to which it is not yet a party (Ukraine);**

6.15 **Ratify the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (Armenia);**

6.16 **Ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Liechtenstein);**

6.17 **Give full effect to international human rights treaties in its domestic law (Luxembourg);**

6.18 **Ratify the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization (Colombia); (Côte d’Ivoire);**

6.19 **Consider ratifying the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization (Senegal);**

6.20 **Consider the possibility of ratifying the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization (Niger);**

6.21 **Ratify the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189) of the International Labour Organization and the Protocol of 2014 to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 (Panama);**

6.22 **Ratify the five fundamental ILO Conventions which it has not yet ratified as well as the Domestic Workers Convention (Portugal);**

6.23 **Ratify the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (Madagascar);**

6.24 **Consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education 1960 (Senegal);**

6.25 **Ratify the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Côte d’Ivoire);**

6.26 **Consider ratifying the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness (Republic of Moldova);**

6.27 **Ratify the Convention relating to the status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol (South Sudan);**

6.28 **Continue strengthening international dialogue and cooperation and continue to make full use of the universal periodic review mechanism (China);**

6.29 **Continue the efforts of national mechanisms concerned with human rights issues to submit proposals to promote and protect human rights (Kuwait);**

6.30 **Continue efforts to align national legislation with Qatar’s international obligations in the field of protecting human rights (Algeria);**

6.31 **Continue work to bring national legislation in line with Qatar's international obligations in the field of human rights (Russian Federation);**

6.32 **Continue to implement the relevant national development strategies and constantly improve the legal and policy framework for promoting and protecting human rights (China);**

6.33 **Continue to debate legislative initiatives in favor of the promotion, protection and enjoyment of the human rights of the people of the country, based on its national realities (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.34 **Continue effective measures to further promoting the human rights, including through the implementation of Qatar National Vision 2030 (Uzbekistan);**

6.35 **Continue efforts to raise awareness of human rights, especially among law enforcement personnel (Libya);**

6.36 **Implement human rights awareness and training programmes (Morocco);**

6.37 **Continue efforts to make the National Human Rights Commission more effective in accordance with the Paris Principles (Djibouti);**

6.38 **Ensure that the National Human Rights Committee complies with the Paris Principles and is able to carry out its mandate effectively and independently (Liechtenstein);**

6.39 **Ensure that its national human rights committee fully complies with the Paris Principles and carries out its mandate effectively and independently (Mongolia);**

6.40 **Cooperate with civil society organizations in the follow-up and implementation of the UPR recommendations (Albania);**

6.41 **Strengthen regulations, as well as develop programs and plans, to prevent and punish all forms of racism and discrimination (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.42 **Consider establishing an independent specialized equality body to prevent discrimination, protect against discrimination and ensure equal opportunities (Bulgaria);**

6.43 **Promote the adoption of a comprehensive anti-discrimination law, which is harmonized with the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (Colombia);**

6.44 **Combat racial and ethnic stereotypes by strengthening human rights-based training for law enforcement authorities (Costa Rica);**

6.45 **Adopt comprehensive antidiscrimination legislation that fully adheres with international law and includes all prohibited grounds for discrimination (Estonia);**

6.46 **Maintain efforts to ensure equality of opportunity and treatment in employment and the workplace, with a focus on eliminating all forms of discrimination in these areas (Ethiopia);**

6.47 **Deepen governmental engagement to further human rights education measures and adopt a legal prohibition of racial profiling and discrimination (Gambia);**

6.48 **Continue efforts to promote gender equality by ensuring equal pay for equal work and empowering women in leadership positions (Malaysia);**

6.49 **Adopt all legal and policy measures necessary to prevent and combat discrimination against non-nationals (Namibia);**

6.50 **Take necessary measures to prevent and combat discrimination against non-nationals (Republic of Korea);**

6.51 **Adopt a national action plan to combat racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (South Sudan);**

6.52 **Adopt legislation to ensure non-discrimination on the grounds of disability, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion or belief (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.53 **Strengthen the measures implemented in favour of vulnerable groups in its territory (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.54 **Eliminate all status-based inequalities between Qatari citizens, be they Qataris of origin or naturalized Qataris (Austria);**

6.55 **Continue its active role in regional and international organizations for combatting Islamophobia in the world (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.56 **Abolish the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Iceland);**

6.57 **Accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty and establish a moratorium on the death penalty, with a view to its ultimate abolition (Paraguay);**

6.58 **Abolish the death penalty and accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Luxembourg);**

6.59 **Accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Madagascar);**

6.60 **Establish an official moratorium on the death penalty and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (Liechtenstein);**

6.61 **Establish a formal moratorium on the death penalty and seek alternative outcomes for those already sentenced to capital punishment (Australia);**

6.62 **Establish a moratorium on the death penalty, with a view toward its abolition (Brazil);**

6.63 **Establish a formal moratorium on executions and work towards the abolition of the death penalty (Costa Rica);**

6.64 **Implement an indefinite moratorium on the death penalty, as a first step towards definitive abolition (Spain);**

6.65 **Establish a moratorium and consider abolishing the death penalty (Cyprus);**

6.66 **Establish a moratorium on the death penalty and consider its abolition (Togo);**

6.67 **Establish an official moratorium on executions (Estonia);**

6.68 **Adopt a formal moratorium on the death penalty (Portugal);**

6.69 **Establish a moratorium on the death penalty (Madagascar);**

6.70 **Establish a moratorium on executions, working towards the repeal of the death penalty (Norway);**

6.71 **Evaluate the adoption of a moratorium on capital punishment (Italy);**

6.72 **Abolish the death penalty and replace it with a penalty that is fair, proportionate and consistent with international human rights standards (Ireland);**

6.73 **Encourage a public debate on establishing a moratorium on the use of the death penalty with a view to its complete abolition (Lithuania);**

6.74 **Place an absolute ban on death sentences and takes steps to ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (New Zealand);**

6.75 **Consider accession to the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and establishing a moratorium on executions, with a view of abolishing the death penalty (Republic of Moldova);**

6.76 **Abolish the death penalty or observe a moratorium with a view to its full abolition, and sign and ratify the Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (France);**

6.77 **Enhance the punishment for the crime of torture in recognition of the absolute and non-derogable nature of the prohibition against torture (Gambia);**

6.78 **Establish an independent mechanism to receive complaints and investigate cases of torture in line with international standards of the National Preventive Mechanism (Montenegro);**

6.79 **Strengthen measures to prohibit torture, including by ensuring that the prohibition of torture is established as absolute and non-derogable in national legislation and by establishing a mechanism to ensure all allegations of torture are investigated impartially (New Zealand);**

6.80 **Intensify efforts to stop Israeli crimes and put an end to genocide against the Palestinian people (State of Palestine);**

6.81 **Strengthen the independence of the justice system in as far as women’s access to justice is concerned (Lesotho);**

6.82 **Strengthen the justice system by removing barriers to access to justice (Malawi);**

6.83 **Enhance initiatives to guarantee the fundamental freedoms and rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Japan);**

6.84 **Improve the legal framework guaranteeing freedom of speech, expression of opinions and public criticism (Czechia);**

6.85 **Amend the 2014 Cybercrime Law and Article 136bis of the Penal Code to bring them in line with Qatar's international commitments on freedom of expression (Switzerland);**

6.86 **Amend the Printing and Publication Act to include protection for journalists, human rights defenders, and civil society (Canada);**

6.87 **Amend legislation that unduly restricts the freedom of expression and opinion and adopt laws on freedom of media that align with international law (Estonia);**

6.88 **Facilitate favourable conditions for journalists, media workers, writers and social activists to freely exercise their rights to freedom of opinion and expression, association and peaceful assembly in accordance with international human rights law (Lithuania);**

6.89 **Review restrictive laws on the freedom of expression and media, including the 2014 cybercrime law and defamation statutes, while strengthening journalist protections and establishing an independent oversight body to monitor press freedom (Netherlands (Kingdom of the));**

6.90 **Ensure the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly, and ensure that civil society, human rights defenders and journalists can operate freely without fear of reprisals (Norway);**

6.91 **Guarantee freedom of assembly, expression and association, and facilitate the action of civil society organizations and human rights defenders (Spain);**

6.92 **Amend freedom of expression laws to bring them into conformity with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (United States of America);**

6.93 **Amend the Family Act in order to lift up restrictions to women’s mobility, and to ensure that women enjoy equal rights in divorce and in inheritance (Portugal);**

6.94 **Implement legislative reforms to ensure women’s equal legal rights, including regarding marriage, divorce, and inheritance (Sweden);**

6.95 **Reform laws and policies to ensure that women can make free decisions about marriage, child custody and inheritance rights, and encourage their participation in the labour market and leadership positions (Costa Rica);**

6.96 **Enact legislation to ban child marriages and, in this context, raise the minimum age of marriage for girls to 18 years (Romania);**

6.97 **Continue efforts at the national and international levels to protect the family as a fundamental and natural unit of society (Belarus);**

6.98 **Continue supporting and empowering the family to carry out its functions in promoting and protecting the human rights of its members (Egypt);**

6.99 **Continue its valuable efforts in preserving and strengthening the traditional family values, parental rights and related social heritage, including supporting the historical family institution (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.100 **Continue making efforts to strengthen the important role of family in the context of enjoyment of human rights; and advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, and older persons (Pakistan);**

6.101 **Continue to provide comprehensive support to the institution of the family (Russian Federation);**

6.102 **Support the empowerment of the family to carry out its tasks in promoting and protecting the human rights of its members (Saudi Arabia);**

6.103 **Continue its efforts in enhancing family values which are aligned with the Qatar National Vision (Vanuatu);**

6.104 **Continue efforts to advance family values and protect the rights of the family members, including women, children, disabled persons and elderlies (Indonesia);**

6.105 **Continue efforts by developing and implementing strategic plans and policies to combat human trafficking (Azerbaijan);**

6.106 **Continue to implement the National Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons and build the capacities of the National Committee in the areas of monitoring and prevention, while working to provide support and protection to victims (Bahrain);**

6.107 **Follow up on the implementation of the National Plan to Combat Human Trafficking (United Arab Emirates);**

6.108 **Intensify efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking and investigate, prosecute and punish those responsible (Ecuador);**

6.109 **Strengthen national and regional efforts in combatting human trafficking (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.110 **Intensify efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in persons and investigate trafficking cases (Liechtenstein);**

6.111 **Intensify efforts to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, especially trafficking in women and girls, investigate trafficking cases, and ensure victims' access to justice (Namibia);**

6.112 **Further enhance mechanisms to combat human trafficking, including on access to remedy and support services for victims (Philippines);**

6.113 **Strengthen further efforts in developing and implementing relevant legislation aimed at preventing and combating trafficking in persons (Republic of Moldova);**

6.114 **Take steps to prevent human trafficking, and protect the victims, including through a national referral mechanism to identify victims of human trafficking and provide them with assistance (Sri Lanka);**

6.115 **Commit to effectively investigating and prosecuting all cases of human trafficking (Sri Lanka);**

6.116 **Continue advancing labor reforms, ensuring full and effective implementation (Armenia);**

6.117 **Implement existing labour reforms, including on institutional strengthening, employee representation, women’s workforce participation and foreign domestic workers (Australia);**

6.118 **Take appropriate measures to improve the protection of workers during recruitment, job transfer and contract termination, ensuring fair processes for leaving the country, without the risk of unpaid wages (Bulgaria);**

6.119 **Strengthen labour protection by implementing existing laws, including the Wage Protection System and the Domestic Workers Act (Canada);**

6.120 **Promote the establishment of trade unions and consider, for the benefit of migrant workers, an increase in the minimum wage set for them (Colombia);**

6.121 **Implement labour reforms that improve conditions for migrant workers, including regulations on minimum wages, working hours, safe working conditions and timely payment (Costa Rica);**

6.122 **Strengthen the rights of foreign workers by further solidifying labour laws, including measures to protect workers’ wages and against illegal recruitment fees (Czechia);**

6.123 **Amend Act No. 21 in order to decriminalize the act of leaving a job without the employer’s permission (Denmark);**

6.124 **Continue ongoing measures to bring the labour laws in Qatar aimed at ensuring application of the highest international standards (India);**

6.125 **Effectively implement Law No. 17 of 2020 on Setting the Minimum Wage for Workers and Domestic Workers, and conduct regular review of the minimum wage as necessary (Indonesia);**

6.126 **Further improve conditions for migrant workers, including by ensuring that the minimum wage established by Law number 17 of 2020 remains in line with inflation (Ireland);**

6.127 **Continue implementing domestic legislation to enhance workers' rights and improve the work environment (Iraq);**

6.128 **Accelerate the path of reforms to protect workers, consolidating the results achieved and guaranteeing the practical application of the regulations officially in force (Italy);**

6.129 **Continue to improve the working conditions of migrants, with the abolition of the sponsorship system which was an important turning point (Lebanon);**

6.130 **Strengthen measures to protect the rights of migrant workers and ensure their access to decent work and social security (Nepal);**

6.131 **Consider abolishing all vestiges of the kafala system, including absconding laws (Sierra Leone);**

6.132 **Strengthen labour law enforcement including by expanding inspections, access to justice and joint committees to improve health and safety standards; also enhance protections for domestic workers by ensuring fair wages and the right to a day off (Netherlands (Kingdom of the));**

6.133 **Ensure that workers’ rights, including domestic workers, are fully implemented and respected in private and public sectors (Norway);**

6.134 **Continue to ensure the effective enforcement of labor laws and address gaps where they exist (Philippines);**

6.135 **Enhance its efforts to guarantee the right to form and join trade unions without discrimination, and ensure that restrictions conform to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Republic of Korea);**

6.136 **Continue the implementation of legislation introduced in the field of labor since the 2022 football World Cup (France);**

6.137 **Fully integrate domestic workers into existing labour protections mechanisms (Sierra Leone);**

6.138 **Take all necessary measures to prevent employers from retaliating against workers' complaints, including by prohibiting the cancellation of residence permits, and ensure that non-compliant employers are sanctioned (Switzerland);**

6.139 **Increase the number of labour inspectors and strengthen their capacity; ensure that domestic workers are protected in law and practice against sexual harassment, guarantee their access to justice and investigate all allegations of exploitation and abuse (Togo);**

6.140 **Continue implementing policies and legislation aimed at enhancing workers’ rights and improving the work environment (Tunisia);**

6.141 **Adopt legislation that ensures effective prosecution of violations against domestic workers while protecting their rights to remain in Qatar (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.142 **Adopt legislation to ensure workers' rights are protected when employers issue a certificate of good conduct (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);**

6.143 **Enact labor reforms to prevent forced labor, address wage theft, simplify processes to change jobs, protect domestic workers from abuse, and improve workers’ freedom of association and access to grievance mechanisms (United States of America);**

6.144 **Continue ongoing efforts to strengthen the institutional framework of the labor sector in line with sustainable development goals related to decent work and economic growth (Uzbekistan);**

6.145 **Continue taking measures to protect safety and health of all workers (India);**

6.146 **Abolish completely the Kafala system for migrant workers and improve guarantees that wages are paid in full and on time (Austria);**

6.147 **Pursue setting up access to social protection, particularly for persons with disabilities (Burundi);**

6.148 **Ensure the rights to adequate housing, food allowance and health-care services for migrant workers and their family members (Indonesia);**

6.149 **Continue providing quality health services and maintain actions aimed at improving access to them (Cuba);**

6.150 **Continue to provide quality health care services and enhance access thereto without discrimination (Jordan);**

6.151 **Continue to improve public health and meet the needs of future generations (Oman);**

6.152 **Continue to implement its National Health Strategy and its recognition of the importance of preventive health measures (Singapore);**

6.153 **Continue to launch campaigns to raise awareness of preventive measures and healthy behaviors, targeting a variety of health issues such as diabetes, obesity, and cancer, and help to integrate initiatives to promote a healthy lifestyle (Sri Lanka);**

6.154 **Continue efforts to develop health care services and enhance access to them without discrimination (Tunisia);**

6.155 **Decriminalize abortion under all circumstances and ensure women’s access to sexual and reproductive health care services without guardian permission or a marriage certificate (Iceland);**

6.156 **Take further measures to ensure high-quality, comprehensive education for all, in line with the 4th Sustainable Development Goal (Azerbaijan);**

6.157 **Consider developing a plan to progressively achieve access to free and compulsory primary and secondary education for all (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.158 **Adopt a plan to progressively achieve free compulsory primary education (Cyprus);**

6.159 **Further continue measures aimed at ensuring high-quality, comprehensive education for all (Georgia);**

6.160 **Continue efforts to improve the quality and equal access to education for all (Lao People's Democratic Republic);**

6.161 **Improve further accessibility to free and quality education for all children (Lithuania);**

6.162 **Consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education (Malawi);**

6.163 **Consider adopting a policy to provide free education for all, at least for primary and secondary education levels (Mauritius);**

6.164 **Consider ratifying the UNESCO Convention against Discrimination in Education, as recommended by the Special Rapporteur on Education (Mauritius);**

6.165 **Continue to ensure the right to education for all individuals, in particular persons with disabilities (Oman);**

6.166 **Continue ongoing efforts towards ensuring the right to education for all children (Pakistan);**

6.167 **Continue taking further steps in providing the necessary infrastructure to accommodate all students in government schools, regardless of their parents' places of work (Serbia);**

6.168 **Continue to improve access to education for its youth, in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (Singapore);**

6.169 **Continue efforts to encourage both genders to enroll in various academic fields of education and strengthen efforts to guarantee a conducive educational environment for students along with training for teachers and academics (Sri Lanka);**

6.170 **Enhance its efforts to promote girls' equal access to quality education and educational opportunity in all fields of study (Thailand);**

6.171 **Further expand initiatives on digital literacy and access to strengthen educational opportunities, particularly for young people and minority communities (Viet Nam);**

6.172 **Continue to advance efforts for promoting a culture of human rights, including education and capacity-building programs (Ethiopia);**

6.173 **Further strengthen policies towards the promotion of gender parity at school and in higher education (Brunei Darussalam);**

6.174 **Incorporate the human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment into legislation, preferably at the constitutional level (Costa Rica);**

6.175 **Scale up efforts to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and to combat climate change (Nepal);**

6.176 **Intensify efforts to implement its nationally determined contributions plan under the Paris Agreement and to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, in particular while respecting international human rights standards (Panama);**

6.177 **Further the full and cross-sectoral implementation of enacted laws addressing global environmental challenges (Hungary);**

6.178 **Continue active participation in mechanisms and international meetings related to right to development (Iran (Islamic Republic of));**

6.179 **Continue working on the National Development Strategy 2024–2030 (Kuwait);**

6.180 **Strengthen national frameworks and measures to ensure the realization of the Third National Development Strategy 2024–2030 (Lao People's Democratic Republic);**

6.181 **Continue to implement the Third National Development Strategy 2024–2030 (Morocco);**

6.182 **Exert more efforts in implementing the Qatar National Vision 2030 to achieve the sustainable development goals in all their comprehensive dimensions (State of Palestine);**

6.183 **Continue implementing the final phase of Qatar National Vision 2030, including dimensions related to human rights (Sudan);**

6.184 **Continue its efforts to achieve Qatar National Vision 2030 (Türkiye);**

6.185 **Continue to develop national policies and strategies aimed at achieving the pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030 (Azerbaijan);**

6.186 **Adopt a national action plan to implement the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (Luxembourg);**

6.187 **Continue to strengthen international cooperation, including providing assistance to developing countries and for the protection of human rights (Belarus);**

6.188 **Continue promoting international cooperation for development through humanitarian initiatives and assistance (Cuba);**

6.189 **Continue efforts to strengthen the institutional and operational status of foreign aid, development and relief assistance to developing and least developed countries (Sudan);**

6.190 **Continue efforts for greater participation of women in decision-making processes (Albania);**

6.191 **Nominate an adequate number of women experts as future members of the Shura Council (Austria);**

6.192 **Continue measures for empowering women and girls and addressing gender-based discrimination (Bangladesh);**

6.193 **Develop and implement programmes on leadership skills for women and remove structural barriers to access by women in order to increase participation of women in political and public life (Botswana);**

6.194 **Continue to enhance programmes on the economic participation of women and the youth (Brunei Darussalam);**

6.195 **Promote the participation of women in the labour market and political life (Burundi);**

6.196 **Further strengthen legislative measures to ensure women’s equal participation in all social and economic aspects (Cambodia);**

6.197 **Continue to promote women’s empowerment and gender equality, particularly in sustainable economic and social development in order to facilitate the enjoyment of human rights of its people (Cambodia);**

6.198 **Promote economic and social development and take effective measures to protect the rights of groups in vulnerable situations such as women, children, and persons with disabilities (China);**

6.199 **Strengthen women's training programmes and their participation in all areas (Dominican Republic);**

6.200 **Promote women's economic empowerment through access to financing and entrepreneurship programmes (Dominican Republic);**

6.201 **Create opportunities for women and girls to build their capacity in information systems such as cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and leadership in the digital world (Dominican Republic);**

6.202 **Continue support for women’s participation in legislative, administrative and political fields on all levels, and strong commitment to these initiatives (Eritrea);**

6.203 **Reinforce the capacity of the national machinery for the advancement of women’s rights and ensure that it has adequate decision-making power and resources, and that it develops programmes to achieve gender equality (Finland);**

6.204 **Continue efforts in promoting and protecting women’s rights by supporting women's participation in all legislative, judicial, administrative and political fields (Hungary);**

6.205 **Continue measures for empowering women and girls and addressing gender-based discrimination (India);**

6.206 **Continue on the path undertaken in the protection and promotion of women's rights, also encouraging their affirmation at international level (Italy);**

6.207 **Further strengthen efforts to promote the rights of women and girls (Japan);**

6.208 **Continue to support women's empowerment and their participation in all areas (Jordan);**

6.209 **Continue to promote women's economic empowerment and increase their access to financing and entrepreneurship programs (Kazakhstan);**

6.210 **Continue with all efforts on combating discrimination against women (Malawi);**

6.211 **Continue to support women's empowerment and enhance their participation in all fields (Mauritania);**

6.212 **Continue its efforts in addressing all forms of violence against women and girls including gender-based and domestic violence (Mongolia);**

6.213 **Continue to support women's empowerment and enhance their participation in all areas (Morocco);**

6.214 **Continue efforts to increase women’s representation in political and public life and their participation in the labour market (Nepal);**

6.215 **Strengthen support for women's participation in the legislative, judicial and administrative spheres (Oman);**

6.216 **Take steps to combat the discrimination against women and fully align its national laws to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Norway);**

6.217 **Withdraw reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women to achieve progress on SDG 5 (Panama);**

6.218 **Implement recommendations made by the National Human Rights Committee to bring domestic legislation into compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (New Zealand);**

6.219 **Continue to engage with the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and implement all its recommendations (Finland);**

6.220 **Make further efforts to reform laws that discriminate against women and girls, to ensure that legislation and policies, including family law, conform to international human rights law and standards (Republic of Korea);**

6.221 **Continue reforms aimed at ensuring full equality between women and men and ending domestic violence, in particular by promoting the representation of women in elected bodies (France);**

6.222 **Support women's empowerment and enhance their participation in all fields (Saudi Arabia);**

6.223 **Adopt temporary special measures to increase the participation of women in political and public life (South Sudan);**

6.224 **Adopt measures that allow progress in gender equality, especially in relation to the guardianship system, and improve the presence and participation of women in public life (Spain);**

6.225 **Enhance efforts to support and empower women at the international and local levels (State of Palestine);**

6.226 **Continue efforts to empower women within the framework of promoting gender equality (Sudan);**

6.227 **Amend the Nationality Act No. 38/2005 to ensure that women enjoy the same rights as men in terms of nationality, in particular with regard to its acquisition, retention and transmission (Switzerland);**

6.228 **Continue efforts to support women’s empowerment and enhance their participation in all fields (Tunisia);**

6.229 **Continue to promote women's empowerment (Türkiye);**

6.230 **Consider increasing the support to small and medium enterprises to benefit more business-women (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.231 **Dismantle the male guardianship system, protect freedom of movement and right to work of women, and end gender discrimination in family law (United States of America);**

6.232 **Continue its support for women's participation in all legislative, judicial, administrative and political fields (Vanuatu);**

6.233 **Abolish regulations that require women to have consent from a male guardian in order to obtain employment (Denmark);**

6.234 **Ensure effective equality of opportunity for women to apply for and obtain scholarships to study abroad and to access science faculties (Ecuador);**

6.235 **Continue efforts to empower women and enhance their effective participation in various work sectors (Egypt);**

6.236 **Continue efforts to promote the policy of eliminating inequalities between men and women by taking effective measures to increase women's participation in political and public life (Djibouti);**

6.237 **Abolish the male guardian system (Iceland);**

6.238 **Strengthen efforts to ensure gender equality (Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of));**

6.239 **Review legislation to eradicate discriminatory stereotypes towards women, criminalize gender-based violence and guarantee access to justice for victims (Mexico);**

6.240 **Abolish existing laws and practices that discriminate against women in both private and public life (Zambia);**

6.241 **Review its legislation on acquisition of nationality through maternal lineage (Botswana);**

6.242 **Continue to protect the rights of women, children, older persons, and other vulnerable categories, including in the context of the implementation of the Third National Development Strategy for 2024–2030 (Belarus);**

6.243 **Continue the fight against domestic violence (Albania);**

6.244 **Continue efforts to enhance protection against gender-based violence, expand educational opportunities for girls, especially those in situation of vulnerability (Armenia);**

6.245 **Continue to strengthen regulations and develop plans to combat all forms of gender-based violence against women (Bolivia (Plurinational State of));**

6.246 **Strengthen the implementation of the Domestic Violence Protection Act by ensuring that all persons, including migrant workers, are protected (Canada);**

6.247 **Strengthen laws against violence against women, classifying it as a crime, guaranteeing protection for victims and sanctions for aggressors (Chile);**

6.248 **Criminalize domestic violence based on a broad definition of the crime ensuring protection for all victims, including women and domestic workers (Belgium);**

6.249 **Criminalize all forms of gender-based violence (Cyprus);**

6.250 **Introduce specific laws to criminalize all forms of violence against women, including domestic violence, and ensure that these laws apply universally to all persons, including domestic workers; this legislation should also include mechanisms for reporting and protecting victims (Czechia);**

6.251 **Adopt legislation to criminalize all forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence (Iceland);**

6.252 **Adopt legislation to criminalize all forms of gender-based violence against women, hold perpetrators to account and ensure victim’s access to justice and reparation (Liechtenstein);**

6.253 **Criminalize all forms of violence against women and establish a national action plan that includes prevention, combat and punishment of violence against women, as well as access to justice, support and protection services for victims (Paraguay);**

6.254 **Continue efforts to enhance ways to protect women from domestic violence (Lebanon);**

6.255 **Accelerate efforts to investigate, prosecute and punish perpetrators of trafficking in women and girls (Lesotho);**

6.256 **Protect women from all forms of violence and provide protection and rehabilitation services to victims (Morocco);**

6.257 **Continue with an integrated approach in dealing with issues of combating domestic violence and adopt the legislation that criminalize all forms of domestic violence, providing protection, rehabilitation to victims and punishment of perpetrators (Serbia);**

6.258 **Continue to take actions to promote women rights, and in this context, adopt legislation that criminalizes all forms of domestic violence and provides justice and rehabilitation for the victims (Romania);**

6.259 **Strengthen legislation on domestic violence and ensure that enforcement mechanisms protect vulnerable groups (Ukraine);**

6.260 **Strengthen mechanisms for integrating children who are not enrolled in schools or have dropped out, especially the “Peace” schools established by Qatar for this category of children (Algeria);**

6.261 **Strengthen measures aimed at protecting children from all forms of violence, including ensuring their safety on the Internet (Bahrain);**

6.262 **Accelerate the adoption of the Children's Code, raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility in accordance with international standards and prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings (Colombia);**

6.263 **Accelerate the adoption of the Children’s Code and adopt laws prohibiting the use of corporal punishment on children in any circumstances (Côte d’Ivoire);**

6.264 **Accelerate the process of adopting the Children's Code, raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility in line with international standards, and enact laws prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings (Paraguay);**

6.265 **Adopt a law to clearly prohibit all corporal punishment of children in all settings (Estonia);**

6.266 **Maintain efforts towards the promotion and protection of the rights of women, children, and disabilities (Ethiopia);**

6.267 **Strengthen mechanisms to include out-of-school children, such as the establishment of free specialized schools for those who have been unable to attend or have stopped attending for various reasons (Eritrea);**

6.268 **Promote measures to protect children from all manifestations of violence, including the guarantee of their safety on the Internet (Kazakhstan);**

6.269 **Consider raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility to at least 14 years (Lithuania);**

6.270 **Provide the necessary care for orphaned children and ensure their stability within alternative foster families and facilitate their integration into society (Maldives);**

6.271 **Promote measures and policies aimed at ensuring that all children enjoy their rights equally (Mauritania);**

6.272 **Enact legislation prohibiting corporal punishment of children in all settings (Montenegro);**

6.273 **Strengthen measures and policies for the equal enjoyment of all children's rights (Saudi Arabia);**

6.274 **Step up measures to ensure equal access to education for children with disabilities (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.275 **Follow up on the implementation of strategies, plans and policies aimed at promoting the enjoyment of all rights of older persons (Dominican Republic);**

6.276 **Empower older persons economically, support their active participation in society, and benefit from their expertise in all fields (United Arab Emirates);**

6.277 **Diversify programmes to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to health, rehabilitation, counselling and social security services (Cuba);**

6.278 **Promote training for public sector personnel in the field of human rights and implement policies to support the integration of all persons with disabilities into society, as well as their active participation in community life (Djibouti);**

6.279 **Expand support programmes for persons with disabilities by favouring their social integration and access to health services (Dominican Republic);**

6.280 **Continue implementing measures aimed at advancing the rights of persons with disabilities, with particular focus on women (Georgia);**

6.281 **Continue legal measures and legislation to enhance and protect the rights of persons with disabilities (Iraq);**

6.282 **Continue to enhance educational and vocational training programs to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Japan);**

6.283 **Increase qualification and social rehabilitation programs to raise the capacities of persons with disabilities, integrate them into society and enable them to live independently (Jordan);**

6.284 **Continue to support persons with disabilities and continue to implement the national strategy for the inclusion of children with disabilities in educational processes (Libya);**

6.285 **Take steps to strengthen vocational training and employment opportunities for persons with disabilities (Malaysia);**

6.286 **Continue supporting persons with disabilities in achieving their goals and securing equal opportunities in education and employment, thereby enabling them to live independently (Maldives);**

6.287 **Mainstream the rights of women and girls with disabilities in national development policies and programmes aimed at protecting the rights of women and girls (Namibia);**

6.288 **Ensure that the visually impaired children receive an adequate standard of living (United Republic of Tanzania);**

6.289 **Combat all forms of discrimination against religious minorities (Zambia);**

6.290 **Repeal any legal provisions that may limit the economic, social, and cultural rights of religious minorities, including Baha`is (Brazil);**

6.291 **Take measures to prevent and remedy any discrimination against religious minorities in the enjoyment of their rights (Canada);**

6.292 **Consolidate religious freedom and strengthen the efforts to prevent any discrimination faced by religious minorities (Italy);**

6.293 **Beef up measures to safeguard the rights of religious minorities, and ensure they enjoy economic, social and cultural rights on the same footing with other citizens (Lesotho);**

6.294 **Take steps to address the concerns of purported discrimination against people of African descent (Ghana);**

6.295 **Implement anti-discrimination laws and policies to protect the rights of members of the LGBTQIA+ community (Australia);**

6.296 **Amend the Penal Code to decriminalize consensual relationships between persons of the same sex and eliminate discriminatory legal sanctions in accordance with international human rights standards (Chile);**

6.297 **Decriminalize same-sex relations between consenting adults (Iceland);**

6.298 **Decriminalize consensual sexual relations between adults of the same sex, and promote a legal framework that protects against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity (Mexico);**

6.299 **Amend the Penal Code to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity, as marriage or same-sex sexual relations are currently criminalized (Spain);**

6.300 **Strengthen measures to address abuse and exploitation of migrant workers and ensure access to justice for victims (Zambia);**

6.301 **Continue efforts to protect and promote the rights of migrant workers (Bangladesh);**

6.302 **Strengthen the implementation of the Wage Protection System, in particular for migrant workers and migrant domestic workers, to ensure transparent and timely payment of wages and to avoid wage theft; in case of wage theft strengthen mechanisms to ensure swift payment of entitlements and compensation for workers that have not been paid (Belgium);**

**6.303 Strengthen the implementation of labour reforms through increasing awareness among migrant workers, including domestic workers and their employers, about labour laws and procedures, in particular concerning wages, legally sound contracts and labour mobility (Belgium);**

6.304 **Continue implementing policies and legislations aimed at enhancing the rights of migrant workers and improving the work environment (Egypt);**

6.305 **Further improve conditions for migrant workers by improving enforcement of labour laws and expanding access to grievance mechanisms (Finland);**

6.306 **Continue to take additional steps to ensure effective implementation and compliance of legislation on migrant worker’s rights, including efforts to promote and strengthen the rights of domestic workers (Sweden);**

6.307 **Strengthen mechanisms to investigate and identify diverse exploitative practices against migrant workers by private employers to ensure the protection of their human rights and provision of remedies (Gambia);**

6.308 **Continue on its path to full freedom of movement for foreign workers, including those working in the domestic field, and completely dismantle the Kafala system (Germany);**

6.309 **Include domestic workers in its national labor law (Germany);**

6.310 **Continue to put in place policies and programs to enhance the access of migrant workers to the justice system and ensure the protection of immigrants, especially women and girls (Ghana);**

6.311 **Continue the legislative measures for promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers and strengthen them where possible (India);**

6.312 **Fully implement legislation protecting migrant workers and improve access to remedies for victims of ill-treatment (Luxembourg);**

6.313 **Continue efforts to enhance access to healthcare services for all, including migrant workers (Malaysia);**

6.314 **Ratify ILO conventions relating to migrant workers and remove provisions of Law No. 21/2015 that bear similarities to the old sponsorship system (Mexico);**

6.315 **Further its efforts to protect the health, safety and welfare of all workers, particularly low-income migrant workers and take necessary measures to ensure that employers in the private sector comply with the laws and regulations related to protection of worker rights (Thailand);**

6.316 **Further enhance enforcement of labour laws and expanding access to grievance mechanisms for migrant workers (Ukraine);**

6.317 **Continue its efforts to enhance the rights and welfare of migrant workers by further developing support systems (Viet Nam).**

7. **All conclusions and/or recommendations contained in the present report reflect the position of the submitting State(s) and/or the State under review. They should not be construed as endorsed by the Working Group as a whole.**

Annex

 Composition of the delegation

The delegation of Qatar was headed by the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar in Geneva, H.E. Dr. Hend Abdalrahman AL-MUFTAH and composed of the following members:

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• Dr. Ali Jaber DHARMAN, Director of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Public Health;

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