**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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**Australia**

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Madam President,

The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the delegation of Australia, and thanks them for their presentation.

We welcome Australias’s commitment to the promotion of human rights and we commend its role in advancing civil and political rights, and promoting peaceful coexistence and freedom of religion and belief.

In this regard, we offer the following recommendations:

1. To maintain its commitment in fighting human trafficking and reducing violence against women.
2. To take more effective measures to reduce inequalities and discrimination against minorities, migrants and refugees, and protect vulnerable groups from hate speech and other hate crimes.

The Kingdom of Bahrain wishes Australia a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President