**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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**Estonia**

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Madam President,

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

We welcome Estonia’s commitment to the promotion of human rights and we commend its role in developing the institutional framework in the protection of Human Rights.

In this regard, we offer the following recommendations:

1. Adopt a comprehensive national strategy aiming at the advancement of women’s status at all levels;
2. To make the necessary amendments to the Equal Treatment Act in order to ensure equal protection against discrimination and intolerance;
3. To combat gender segregation and gender pay gap in the labour market.

The Kingdom of Bahrain wishes Estonia a successful review.

Thank you, Madam President