**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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**Mr. President,**

The kingdom of Bahrain welcomes Her Excellency Dr. Delcy Rodriguez, Executive Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and her accompanying delegation, and thanks her for the comprehensive presentation.

**In this regard, we offer the following recommendations:**

1. Developing an institutional framework dedicated to reinforcing the existing efforts to eradicating violence against women and children.
2. Accelerate efforts to establish a legal framework that contributes to reducing maternal mortality.

My delegation would like to thank the Venezuelan government for accepting the recommendations given by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the 2nd cycle, precisely those related to eradicating violence against women and children and welcomes all the steps taken by the Venezuelan authorities on this matter.

Finally, the Kingdom of Bahrain wishes the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela a successful review.

**Thank You, Mr. President.**