**41ST SESSION OF THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW WORKING GROUP:**

**REVIEW OF BAHRAIN**

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**STATEMENT BY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM**

Thank you, Mr. President.

Brunei Darussalam thanks Bahrain for the presentation of their National Report.

Brunei Darussalam commends the continued improvement of the rights of people in Bahrain amidst the challenges presented by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, we note that its healthcare system, where examinations, treatments and vaccinations were provided free of charge to all citizens and residents on an equal basis.

In addition, Brunei Darussalam welcomes Bahrain’s initiative in organising special career fairs to enable persons with disabilities to obtain decent work and provide them with the skills required. This creates a society that is based on the principle of inclusion in which persons with disabilities can exercise their rights.

Moving forward, Brunei Darussalam proposes two recommendations:

1. Further strengthen strategies for the achievement of greater access to higher education, especially for persons with disabilities; and
2. To continue enhancing programmes on the economic participation of women and youth.

Mr. President,

Brunei Darussalam wishes Bahrain a successful conclusion of its UPR session.

Thank you.

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