**Statement by Kazakhstan**

**41 Session of UPR Working Group**

**Review of Bahrain**

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Kazakhstan welcomes the delegation of Bahrain to the 41st UPR Working Group session and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend Bahrain for the concrete legislative and policy measures it has taken to implement recommendations received at its last UPR in 2017. Particularly, Kazakhstan appreciates the advances Bahrain has made in the area of women’s rights, the efforts to strengthen the independence of the Ombudsman's Office and the adoption of the National Human Rights Plan for 2022–2026, which aim to promote respect for human rights at all levels in the Kingdom.

We **recommend** the Bahraini authorities to increase the number of women in political and public life at all levels and in all areas and to promote women in leadership positions. In order to further strengthen Bahrain's cooperation with the UN human rights mechanisms, we **recommend** to consider issuing a standing invitation to all special procedures of the Human Rights Council.

We wish the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain a successful review.