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Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of Bahrain and thank them for their comprehensive presentation.

Türkiye closely follows and appreciates the important steps taken by the Government of Bahrain towards the promotion and protection of human rights under the guidance of His Majesty King Hamad bin İsa Al Khalifa.

We welcome the endorsement of the first National Human Rights Plan for the years 2022-2026 which also accounts for following up on the implementation of recommendations from the UPR mechanism of the HRC.

Implementation of the “Alternative Sanctions and Measures Law” and legislative developments to better protect children in the course of judicial proceedings are noteworthy.

We also commend positive outcomes of the National Plan for the Advancement of Bahraini Women (2013-2022) as the percentage of women who hold leading roles both in the government and in the private sector steadily increase.

Türkiye recommends Bahrain to:

* Strengthen the rights of children by effective implementation of the newly adopted law on Restorative Justice for Children and Their Protection From Ill-Treatment,
* Take the upcoming elections as an opportunity to further enhance human rights of all segments of the society.

I thank you Mr. President.