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**Intervention by Denmark**

Mr. President,

Denmark welcomes the delegation from the Kingdom of Bahrain and thanks it for its presentation.

We commend the activities undertaken by Bahrain to address human rights.

However, we observe with concern the continuation of arbitrary arrests and detainment of citizens.

We remain concerned with the undignified treatment of prisoners in Jau Prison.

Also, we regret to see that the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture remains to be ratified by Bahrain.

*Denmark* ***recommends*** *Bahrain to:*

1. *Release all arbitrarily detained persons in Bahrain including the Danish-Bahraini citizen Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja imprisoned for more than 11 years; A victim of torture who needs treatment and rehabilitation.*
2. *Ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture.*

Denmark wishes the Kingdom of Bahrain a successful review.

I thank you.