**Statement of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

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**Czechia**

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**Mr. Vice President,**

- The Kingdom of Bahrain welcomes the delegation of the Czech Republic, and thanks them for their presentation.

- We commend Czechia’s commitment to the promotion of human rights, in specific, its efforts during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**- In spirit of constructive cooperation, we offer the following recommendations:**

1. Establish adequate national mechanisms to monitor and stop incitement to hatred, acts of racism and Islamophobia,
2. Increase the participation of women in decision-making bodies,
3. Take further measures to develop effective remedies to protect victims of domestic violence,
4. Strengthen measures taken in combating human trafficking, specifically of women and girls,
5. Ensure that any crimes and discrimination against minorities and vulnerable communities are effectively investigated,
6. Improve the situation of the Roma population.

The Kingdom of Bahrain wishes the Czech Republic a successful review.

**Thank you, Mr. Vice President**