**30th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)**

**Kingdom of Bahrain’ Statement**

**Review of Bangladesh’s UPR**

**Geneva 14 May 2018**

**Mr President,**

Bahrain warmly welcomes the delegation of Bangladesh and thanks the presentation of the National Report. Bahrain welcomes Bangladesh’s participation in the UPR and commends its commitment to comply with international obligations and promote human rights. We are pleased that many positive steps have been taken since the last review.

Bahrain commends the passing of the Ombudsman Act, demonstrating Bangladesh’s priority to deliver consistency and fairness in the application of the law. We also welcome the launch of the development of a National Social Security Strategy (NSSS) in 2015 as it includes the targets set by the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as building past progress in reducing poverty by addressing the root causes

We have one recommendation:

-       Ensure the full implementation of the NSSS focusing specifically on delivering social security to the most vulnerable groups

We wish Bangladesh every success in this UPR cycle.

**Thank you Mr. President.**