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## **International Association of Schools of Social Work**

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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Mr. Chair,

IASSW welcomes the Delegation of Qatar and congratulate you on your cooperation toward completion of your second Universal Periodic Review.

We support 124.26 to implement measures to strengthen women's capacities and empower them to participate in political and economic life, and ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Portugal).

We also support 124.34, to integrate the Rabat Plan of Action on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence in the national legislation regulating the media and religious institutions, and ensure the actual implementation of the Plan (Syrian Arab Republic);

With the aim of acceding to the ICCPR and the ICESCR, we recommend that you actively support the right to self-determination at the Human Rights Council and at the General Assembly. IASSW promotes social rights, especially as an attribute of the right to self-determination, we therefore recommend that Qatar endorse the Second Guiding Principles to Eradicate Extreme Poverty with an eye toward working with us to promote and internationally legally binding Convention to Abolish Extreme Poverty.

Finally, we recommend that Qatar host an international dialogue on the death penalty to discuss its pro-s and con-s with the participation of the international community and to invoke a de jure moratorium with a view to abolishing the death penalty. I thank you Mr. Chair