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Greetings Mr. President and warm congratulations to the Delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain for your cooperation with the 3rd cycle Universal Periodic Review.

Our organization makes note of improvements of Bahrain to its human rights law and policy since the first and second UPR cycles and encourages further progress.

Call on Bahrain to allow for the full and free participation and cooperation with civil society and to accept the recommendations concerning standing invitations of all human rights mechanisms and Special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council. We also ask that you address issues with all human rights defenders and to step up efforts with the 2015-2018 program entitle “Towards the justice, security and well-being of society” and with Bahrain’s Independent Commission of Inquiry.

Our organization also calls on the Kingdom of Bahrain to ratify the Optional Protocols on the Convention on Civil and Political Rights and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane or Degrading Treatment and Punishment as well as other international human rights conventions and standards.

Continue to raise awareness through the media and the education of human rights and to engage in a genuine national dialogue with all stakeholders and religious sectors. This includes meeting and allowing NGOs and civil society to meet and to invite NGOs to visit Bahrain. Include an open and transparent dialogue with all sectors of civil society and religions to address misunderstandings, disparity and discrimination to improve law and policy, bearing in mind national security measures.

CISA also would like Bahrain to look at the recommendations concerning the death penalty and to review the laws and policies with international human rights standards.

CISA congratulates Bahrain on its completion of the 3rd cycle Universal Periodic Review.

I thank you Mr. Chair