Thank you Mr. President,

RADDHO welcomes the delegation of Bahrain to the UPR third cycle; since the last review of the country, several recommendations made by countries have not been implemented.

Despite the work made by the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry and the adoption of the civil settlement initiative to compensate victims, the government of Bahrain have increased restrictions on freedom of expression, assembly, association and religion of its citizens, targeting whoever raise their voices against them.

RADDHO is concern about oppression against human defenders, religious minorities and the workers’ association. Several human rights activists were arrested and the government continued to revoke citizenships and implement ban travels to all opposition and activists’ groups.

RADDHO demands to the Bahrain current government to soon release unconditionally and as soon as possible all human defenders that have been imprisoned including our friend Ms Ebtisam. The cooperation should be effective according to human rights mechanisms. We urge the country to review and extend an invitation to the special procedures and all independent experts to visit the country.

In conclusion, RADDHO exhort Bahrain to continue to strengthen the cooperation with the United Nations human rights mechanisms and to benefit from relevant international experiences in order to protect and promote human rights.

Thank you