



## **BAHRAIN: The Death Penalty Joint Stakeholder Report for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review**

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**Gulf Civil Society Associations Forum**

**Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture**

and

**The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty**

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**The Advocates for Human Rights** (The Advocates) is a volunteer-based nongovernmental organization committed to the impartial promotion and protection of international human rights standards and the rule of law. Established in 1983, The Advocates conducts a range of programs to promote human rights in the United States and around the world, including monitoring and fact finding, direct legal representation, education and training, and publications. In 1991, The Advocates adopted a formal commitment to oppose the death penalty worldwide and organized a Death Penalty Project to provide pro bono assistance on post-conviction appeals, as well as education and advocacy to end capital punishment. The Advocates currently holds a seat on the Steering Committee of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty.

**The LuaLua Center for Human Rights**, established in Lebanon in 2012, seeks to contribute to the promotion of economic, social, cultural, environmental, and civil growth in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and subsequent relevant international conventions. It also works to spread the spirit of harmony and fraternity between the peoples of the Arab region on the basis of tolerance, dialogue, non-violence, and human rights.

**The Gulf Civil Society Associations Forum** was established in 2006 and in 2013 obtained authorization in Paris, France to conduct activities. GCSAF seeks to realize democracy and respect for human rights in the Gulf region. GCSAF has held ten annual conferences in conjunction with the summit of the leaders of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf (Gulf Cooperation Council). GCSAF issues statements and gathers information to track developments in the Gulf Cooperation Council.

**The Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture** was founded in June 1999, named after the Khiam prison in southern Lebanon, which closed on 23 May 2000. KRC is a non-governmental organization working for the rehabilitation of victims of violence and torture and the defense of human rights.

**The World Coalition Against the Death Penalty**, an alliance of more than 150 NGOs, bar associations, local authorities and unions, was created in Rome on 13 May 2002. The aim of the World Coalition is to strengthen the international dimension of the fight against the death penalty. Its ultimate objective is to obtain the universal abolition of the death penalty. To achieve its goal, the World Coalition advocates for a definitive end to death sentences and executions in those countries where the death penalty is in force. In some countries, it is seeking to obtain a reduction in the use of capital punishment as a first step towards abolition.