



Thirteenth Session of the Working Group of the Universal Periodic Review

Statement by H.E. Ms. Iruthisham Adam, Permanent Representative of the Maldives to the United Nations

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Thank you Madam President,

The Maldives would like to warmly welcome the distinguished delegation of Bahrain, to this 13th session of the UPR working group. We would like to congratulate Bahrain on its National Report and the work it has done towards the implementation of recommendations made in the 1st cycle.

Madam President,

The Maldives wish to emphasize that the events of February and March 2011 should not serve to invalidate the steps that Bahrain has taken to strengthen human rights. While it is clear there is a long way to go, there are some positives which should not be ignored

In addition Madam President, the Maldives would like to make the following recommendations to the Government of Bahrain:

1. Ensure that the work of the NHRI is aligned with the Paris Principles.
2. Incorporate an explicit prohibition of torture and other ill-treatment, as well as a clear definition of torture, into national legislation in order to comply with the obligations derived from UNCAT and to facilitate independent, timely and thorough investigations of all allegations of torture to facilitate appropriate redress for victims.

I thank you, Madam President.