

## ANNEX

### I. List of Recommendations Relating to the Right to a Nationality to Bahrain Before UN Mechanisms

#### UPR 3<sup>RD</sup> CYCLE

##### Accepted recommendations:

- Amend the citizenship law to enable women to transfer nationality to their children without restriction and on an equal basis with men (*Slovenia*);<sup>1</sup>
- Finalise the draft law amending certain provisions of the 1963 Citizenship Act to enable Bahraini women married to non-Bahraini men to confer their nationality on their children without any conditions (*Botswana*);<sup>2</sup>
- Expedite the legal procedures relating to the Bahraini Nationality Act of 1963, thus allowing citizenship to be granted, without restrictions, to children of Bahraini women married to foreigners (*Sierra Leone*);<sup>3</sup>
- Step up efforts in amending the law allowing the granting of Bahraini citizenship to children whose mothers are married to foreigners (*Philippines*);<sup>4</sup>
- Deploy all necessary measures to ensure the quick adoption and implementation of the law on nationality to give nationality to children of Bahraini women married to foreigners (*Uruguay*).<sup>5</sup>
- Make necessary efforts to reform all legislation that is discriminatory towards women, in particular the nationality act and the family affair laws (*Argentina*);<sup>6</sup> and
- End the practice of revoking citizenship from individuals (*Denmark*);<sup>7</sup>

##### Noted recommendations:

- Accede to the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons (*Mexico*);<sup>8</sup>
- Amend the 2006 law on protecting society from terrorist acts to avoid imposing statelessness on individuals and minimise the negative impact on the families of those affected (*Germany*);<sup>9</sup>
- Speed up the legislative process to operationalise the draft law amending the nationality act so as to address the problem of statelessness in the country (*Uganda*);<sup>10</sup>
- Amend article 10(c) of the 1963 Citizenship Act to bring it into line with international standards (*Belgium*);<sup>11</sup>
- End the practice of revocation of citizenship, adopt legal and institutional safeguards to prevent discrimination against members of religious minorities and provide effective remedy for victims of arbitrary arrest, detention, summons or travel bans (*Czechia*);<sup>12</sup>
- End the practice of arbitrarily revoking citizenship, especially where this renders individuals

<sup>1</sup> UN Human Rights Council, 'Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Bahrain', A/HRC/36/3, (10 July 2017), Recommendation 114.149., available at: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session\\_27\\_-\\_may\\_2017/a\\_hrc\\_36\\_3\\_e.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session_27_-_may_2017/a_hrc_36_3_e.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. 114.150.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid. 114.151.

<sup>5</sup> Ibid. 114.152.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid. 114.153.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid. 114.174.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid. 114.16.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid. 114.71.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid. 114.173.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid. 114.175.

- stateless and forces them into exile (*Belgium*);<sup>13</sup> and
- Abolish the practice of revoking nationality as a punishment on any grounds (*Mexico*).<sup>14</sup>

## Treaty Bodies

### Gender equal nationality laws:

#### Committee on the Rights of the Child:

- Conduct comprehensive public education and awareness-raising programmes, including campaigns, to combat and prevent discrimination against girls, Baharna and Ajam children and children born to foreign or stateless fathers;
- Amend its Citizenship Act to ensure the right of nationality for all children of Bahraini women married to non-Bahraini men, to establish safeguards to prevent children from being stateless and to ensure that citizenship of such children is not revoked;
- Guarantee the right to acquire Bahraini citizenship for all children currently residing in the State who would otherwise be stateless, regardless of their own or their parent's legal status.<sup>15</sup>

#### Human rights Committee:

- Repeal all discriminatory provisions against women in its legislation; in particular, expedite adoption of the amendments to the Nationality Act to ensure that women and men have equal rights in transmitting their nationality to their children.<sup>16</sup>

#### Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:

- Review all laws and regulations with a view to repealing or amending those that are discriminatory or have a discriminatory effect on women, including laws on nationality and inheritance.<sup>17</sup>

### Revocation of nationality:

#### Human Rights Committee:

- The State party should, as a matter of urgency, take specific steps to amend its current legislation to ensure that **citizenship** is not revoked, except in accordance with the Covenant and international standards and under independent judicial review.<sup>18</sup>

#### Committee Against Torture:

- The State party should refrain from using revocation of **citizenship** as a form of reprisal against human rights defenders, journalists and any other critics who are political activists and not in favour of the authorities.<sup>19</sup>

### Ratifying international instruments:

#### Committee on the Rights of the Child:

- Consider *ratifying* the Convention relating to the Status of **Stateless** Persons and the

<sup>13</sup> Ibid. 114.176.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid.

<sup>15</sup> Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined forth to sixth periodic reports of Bahrain', CRC/C/BHR/CO/4-6, (27 February 2019), para. 17 and 22, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f4-6&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRC%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f4-6&Lang=en)

<sup>16</sup> Human Rights Committee, 'Concluding observations on the initial report of Bahrain', CCPR/C/BHR/CO/1, (15 November 2018), para. 20, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en).

<sup>17</sup> Committee on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights, 'Concluding observations on the initial report of Bahrain', E/C.12/BHR/CO/1, (4 March 2022), para. 17, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en).

<sup>18</sup> Human Rights Committee, 'Concluding observations on the initial report of Bahrain', CCPR/C/BHR/CO/1, (15 November 2018), para. 62, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CCPR%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en).

<sup>19</sup> Committee Against Torture, 'Concluding observations on the second and third periodic reports of Bahrain', CAT/C/BHR/CO/2-3, (29 May 2017), para. 33, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CAT%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f2-3&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CAT%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f2-3&Lang=en).

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.<sup>20</sup>

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women:

- Expedite the amendments to the **Nationality** Law to bring it into full compliance with article 9 of the Convention, and to withdraw its reservation to article 9 (2);
- Accede to international instruments to address the situation of stateless persons, including the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and that 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.<sup>21</sup>

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:

- Consider ratifying the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.<sup>22</sup>

Enjoyment of human rights by stateless people:

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights:

- Take effective measures to identify and address different barriers faced by disadvantaged and marginalized individuals and groups in accessing healthcare and services, including, person with disabilities, persons deprived of their liberty, stateless persons and migrant workers;
- The Committee recommends that the State party take all measures necessary to guarantee in law and in practice non-discriminatory access to compulsory and free-of-charge primary and secondary education to all children, in particular disadvantaged and marginalized children, including but not limited to children of migrant workers, stateless children, children deprived of their liberty and children with disabilities;
- Adopt the measures necessary to prevent and reduce statelessness with a view to guaranteeing their non-discriminatory access to economic, social and cultural rights.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'Concluding observations on the combined fourth to sixth periodic reports of Bahrain', CRC/C/BHR/CO/4-6, (27 February 2019), para. 22, available at:

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<sup>21</sup> Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, 'Concluding observations on the third periodic report of Bahrain', CEDAW/C/BHR/CO/3, (10 March 2014), para. 33, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f3&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CEDAW%2fC%2fBHR%2fCO%2f3&Lang=en).

<sup>22</sup> Committee on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights, 'Concluding observations on the initial report of Bahrain', E/C.12/BHR/CO/1, (4 March 2022), para. 15, available at:

[https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/\\_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en](https://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/15/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=E%2fC.12%2fBHR%2fCO%2f1&Lang=en).

<sup>23</sup> Ibid. 41, 47 and 15.

## II. List of Recommendations Relating to Gender Equality in Previous UPR Cycles

### UPR 1<sup>ST</sup> Cycle<sup>24</sup>

A gender perspective be included in the planning of the next stages, including the outcome of the review (Slovenia).

Initiating a public campaign with the view to removing reservations to CEDAW, ratifying the Optional Protocol, and harmonizing national legislation with the Convention. Bahrain was invited to inform about plans in this regard (Slovenia).

### UPR 2<sup>ND</sup> Cycle<sup>25</sup>

115.7. Withdraw reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women and ratify its Optional Protocol (Uruguay);

115.8. Withdraw reservations to Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (Chile);

115.9. Withdraw reservations to CEDAW as well as to other conventions and ratify the Optional Protocol to CEDAW and other outstanding core human rights instruments (Slovenia);

115.10. Withdraw its reservations to CEDAW as soon as possible (Republic of Korea);

115.39. Continue progress in the implementation of policies designed for the advancement of women and ensuring quality social services that are universal in coverage and benefit the whole of the population (Cuba);

115.48. Continue its efforts to strengthen the policies, programs and mechanism for enhancing women rights (Bangladesh);

115.49. Continue the enactment of laws and the strengthen of policies aimed at safeguarding the position of women and strengthening their roles in society (Egypt);

115.50. Modernize the national plan for the development of Bahraini women in line with the anti-discrimination programs and to evaluate the effects of those programs and projects on the development of them and the society at large (Oman);

115.51. Continue the efforts in favour of the promotion of women's rights (Senegal);

115.68. Take further measures, including legislative, in order to expand rights and opportunities of women and promote gender equality (Belarus);

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<sup>24</sup> UN Human Rights Council, 'Report of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review: Bahrain', A/HRC/8/19, (22 May 2008), available at: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session\\_1\\_-\\_april\\_2008/ahrc819bahraine.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session_1_-_april_2008/ahrc819bahraine.pdf).

<sup>25</sup> UN Human Rights Council, 'Report of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review: Bahrain', A/HRC/21/6, (6 July 2012), available at: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session\\_13\\_-\\_may\\_2012/ahrc216bahraine.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session_13_-_may_2012/ahrc216bahraine.pdf).

115.69. Take all necessary measures to combat all forms of discrimination against women and enhance their participation in State institutions (Jordan);

115.71. Continue its efforts to empower women economically, politically, and socially, and to take all necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women. (Morocco);

115.72. Strengthen its efforts to promote gender equality (Republic of Korea);

115.73. Continue promoting initiatives aimed at empowering women of the country in their economic, political and social level (Chile);

115.74. Continue to pay attention to promoting gender equality and eliminating discrimination against women (Singapore);

115.77. Continue supporting national initiatives that promote the full respect for human rights in particular the field of the rights of women (Nicaragua);

115.96. Take the necessary measures in order to eliminate all discriminatory treatment of Bahraini women married to non-citizens in Bahrain (Argentina);

### **UPR 3<sup>RD</sup> Cycle<sup>26</sup>**

114.1 Ratify the main human rights instruments to which Bahrain is not yet party, and adapt its national legislation to these and withdraw its reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Spain);

114.8 Ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Guatemala);

114.49 Strengthen education for law enforcement personnel on international human rights laws, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (Republic of Korea);

114.73 Continue efforts to promote the participation of women in political, economic, social and all other spheres (Myanmar);

114.88 Implement a national strategy to tackle the trafficking of women and girls, while building on its excellent work to ensure the effective protection of all workers, including migrant workers, against discrimination, and to ratify the 2014 protocol to the Forced Labour Convention, 1930 of the International Labour Organization (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland);

114.98 Adopt a law to protect human rights defenders that includes special protection for vulnerable groups of defenders, including women defenders and those who express themselves

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<sup>26</sup> UN Human Rights Council, 'Report of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review: Bahrain', A/HRC/36/3, (10 July 2017), available at: [https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session\\_27\\_-\\_may\\_2017/a\\_hrc\\_36\\_3\\_e.pdf](https://www.upr-info.org/sites/default/files/document/bahrain/session_27_-_may_2017/a_hrc_36_3_e.pdf).

through the Internet and social media (Mexico);

114.132 Continue to promote the rights of vulnerable groups, in particular girls, women, migrants and persons with disabilities (Senegal);

114.134 Review its legislation in order to eliminate provisions that are discriminatory against women (Czechia);

114.135 Take necessary measures to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women (Myanmar);

114.136 Pursue efforts to enhance women's rights and fight all sorts of discrimination against women (Tunisia);

114.137 Further its work in empowering women, promoting gender equality and eliminating discrimination and violence against women and children by, inter alia, amending and promulgating relevant laws and implementing the national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women (Thailand);

114.138 Continue to implement policies that promote gender equality and provide women with opportunities to play an active role in social, economic and political spheres (Singapore);

114.139 Continue to seek and cooperate with partners in the field of the implementation of the national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women (2022) in order to build a competitive and sustainable society in the kingdom (Oman);

114.140 Continue to promote gender equality and actively implement the national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women 2013-2022 (China);

114.141 Fully implement the national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women (2022) in its five lines (Cuba);

114.142 Pursue further measures to strengthen gender equality and guarantee the status of women in society at all levels (Algeria);

114.143 Continue empowering Bahraini women in the economic, political and social spheres (Egypt);

114.144 Continue efforts to promote gender equality and women's political, social and economic empowerment (Nepal);

114.145 Continue efforts to empower and advance women and facilitate women's participation in the society, particularly in political life, decision-making and holding leadership positions (Jordan);

114.146 Adopt holistic plans and policies to achieve gender equality in public and private spheres and further recommends that specific measures be taken to increase women's participation at all levels and promote women's appointment in leadership positions (Chile);

114.147 Further efforts to increase the representation of women in leadership, public and decision-making positions (Sierra Leone);

114.148 Continue to bolster progress in the education of girls and women and to further diversify their educational and professional choices (Libya);

114.152 Deploy all necessary measures to ensure the quick adoption and implementation of the law on nationality to give nationality to children of Bahraini women married to foreigners (Uruguay);

114.153 Make necessary efforts to reform all legislation that is discriminatory towards women, in particular the nationality act and the family affairs laws (Argentina);

114.154 Continue efforts to ensure the safety, security and dignity of foreign migrant workers, including women domestic workers, through requisite institutional and legislative measures (Nepal);

114.155 Continue the important process of reconciling the improvement of women's rights and duties within the provision of sharia law (Indonesia);

114.156 Continue strengthening the policies aimed at protecting women (Kuwait);

114.157 Take steps to ensure the successful implementation of the national plan for the advancement of Bahraini women 2013-2022 (Brunei Darussalam);

114.158 Increase the number of women in political and public life at all levels and in all areas and promote women in leadership positions and ensure that they are granted opportunities in the higher education system (Turkey);

114.170 Ensure the effective protection of migrants, particularly women migrant workers, against discrimination (Philippines).