

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honor and pleasure to extend my greetings and appreciation to the Universal Periodic Review Working Group as well as all the countries that have made their recommendations with the spirit of responsibility and devotion to the principles of human rights.

It is worth mentioning that The State of Qatar has received 84 recommendation, and I would like to take this opportunity as the chairman of the National Human Rights Committee of Qatar to emphasize that all the recommendations that flow directly in the area of its work are most welcomed; including recommendations urging the state to continue its efforts to improve national mechanisms for the protection and promotion of human rights, spread awareness and education and training for public service and law enforcement officers, In addition to recommendations relating to the need for legislative and institutional development including support and the establishment of institutions dealing with human rights issues.

Interestingly, the report of the Working Group included 28 recommendations relating to enhancing the status of women in society in topics relating to equality, prevention of violence and economic, civil, political and social rights. The National Human Rights Committee since its establishment submits recommendations to the state on women's rights which we aspire to achieve before the next review in 2017, most importantly is women enjoy rights in conferring nationality on their children.

On the other hand, there are still many obstacles to protecting workers' rights despite the efforts of the state, especially construction workers who work under harsh working conditions including the failure to get their entitlements, poor living especially and other forms of ill-treatment in small construction companies often managed by non-Qataris.

We aspire the potential legislative amendments to abolish the sponsorship system and replace it with a system based on employment contracts in addition to the development of the inspection system will achieve a balance in the working relationship to ensure the rights of both parties, workers and employers.

I would also like to emphasize the need for awareness among all concerned parties in the State of Qatar that the responsibility for the protection and promotion of human rights is not only the responsibility of government agencies; the development of civil is the prerequisite to build a society capable of building dialogue, self-confidence and social formations. Promoting debates and good practices is a must to improve human rights.

Finally, I would like to extend appreciation and gratitude to the Qatar's government for unlimited cooperation with international mechanisms for human rights in particular extending open invitation to all United Nations rapporteurs since 2010.

Thank for your kind attention

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