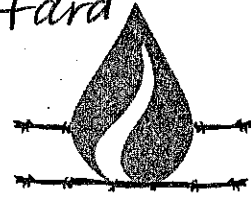


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Item 6: Qatar UPR

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Mr. President,

For years now by trying to increase its soft power, Qatar wants to have a greater expanse of influence in the region. Nevertheless it has always had two problems in the way: the terrible conditions of migrant workers, and its approach to terrorist groups.

Regarding the first issue, in one of the richest countries of the world, workers should proportionately be living in better working and living conditions and enjoy the highest level of life standards. But unfortunately this is not the case in Qatar, and despite Qatar's commitments made in the first UPR regarding the improvement of workers' living conditions, there are still some going concerns regarding migrant workers, also serious concerns such as, the exploitative "Kafala" sponsorship system, lack of freedom of association, right to form unions, confiscation of passports and harmful working and housing conditions, all of which must be rectified.

Mr. President,

Tracking the financial backing of terror groups is not a difficult task. Certainly, western countries who on the smallest of pretexts monitor the financial transactions of a country and increasingly add more individuals and companies to the list of violators of sanctions, can and know where and how the financial backing of terror groups such as ISIS come from, especially now that is the third year of Syria crisis.

The Qatari government must create an accurate mechanism in order to stop any form of backing of terror groups, particularly those in Iraq that continue to slaughter Shia, Sunnis, Christians, Yezidis, Alawites, Turkmens and Kurds, whether this support is coming from private citizens or institutions as the Qatari government claims or any source.