

## Responses to Recommendations

### BAHRAIN

Review in the Working Group: 7 April 2008

Adoption in the Plenary: 9 June 2008

#### Bahrain's responses to recommendations:

In the Report of the Working Group:	In the Addendum:	During the plenary:	Recommendations pending responses:	Summary:
9 REC accepted;0 rejected, 3 commented but no clear position given	No addendum	No additional information provided	None	Accepted: 9 Rejected: 0 No clear position: 3 Pending: 0

#### List of recommendations contained in Section II of the Report of the Working Group A/HRC/8/19:

**“60. The State under review considered the recommendations made during the interactive dialogue which are contained in section II B above, and agreed on the following:**

- 1. A gender perspective be included in the planning of the next stages, including the outcome of the review (Slovenia).
- 2. 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).
- 3. With regard to the recommendation of Switzerland reflected in paragraph 35 above, Bahrain can conduct wide consultations between different partners, in particular the legislative authority, with the view of adopting a family law.
- 4. Bahrain could consider signing the Convention on the Protection of Persons from Enforced Disappearance (France).
- 5. The draft law on the provision of citizenship to children where the father is not a Bahraini citizen would be considered a priority (Russian Federation).

- 6. With regard to the recommendation of the Netherlands reflected in paragraph 40, Bahrain would inform the Human Rights Council in the next review of Bahrain that will be held after four years on the status of adoption of new legislation on female domestic workers.
- 7. The draft press law ought not to be unduly restrictive on freedom of expression (Sweden).
- 8. Bahrain could consider inviting the United Nations to a workshop on follow-up to the UPR (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).
- 9. The positive dynamism of the information sector of Bahrain be recorded (Tunisia)."

**61. With regard to the other recommendations, the State under review offers the following comments:**

**1. While independence of the judiciary is preserved by the Constitution and laws, efficiency and performance are the main areas that the judiciary and the Government are working to enhance."**

- Paragraph 38 (France): "Which measures were taken to strengthen the independence of the judiciary"

**"2. Forced marriage is a crime in the laws of Bahrain and is covered by the Criminal Code and the anti-trafficking law. Victims are entitled to remedies and protection in accordance with the laws of Bahrain."**

- Paragraph 38 (France): "It requested more information on reforms with respect to forced marriage, particularly on providing assistance to victims of forced marriage"

**"3. Bahrain would consider inviting special procedures in the future."**

- Paragraph 40 (The Netherlands): "Recommended that Bahrain extend a standing invitation to all special procedures as soon as possible"

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