

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO BAHRAIN – ADDENDUM 1**

### **DENMARK**

#### Women and family law

- What concrete measures will the Bahraini government take to ensure the equality of women before the law, including in matters concerning family law?
- What is the Bahraini government position with regard to a reform of the sharia court system, to include legal training of the shariah judges and a codification of the Bahraini family law in order to improve the status of women and their equality before the law?

#### Migrant workers legal position, especially in relation to femal domestic workers

- Which concrete measures does the Bahraini government intend to take to improve the legal status and protection under the law to foreign workers, especially female domestic workers?
- Would the Bahraini authorities consider reforms of labour laws and the sponsorship system to improve the legal status and protection of foreign workers, especially female domestic workers, so that work permits and visas subject are no longer dependent on the relationship between employer and employee?

### **FINLAND**

- We acknowledge that the Government of Bahrain has made commitments to protect children from violence, including by implementing the Code of School Discipline (Ordinance No. 549/168-1/1992) which prohibits the use of corporal punishment in schools.<sup>1</sup>
- With regard to the United Nations study on violence against children<sup>2</sup>, which states that "no violence against children is justifiable; all violence against children is preventable", we would appreciate to receive further information on legislative, administrative and other measures taken to implement the Study's overarching and setting-specific recommendations in Bahrain. In particular, we would greatly appreciate if the Government of Bahrain could share with us good practices to prevent and respond to violence against children.

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<sup>1</sup> Summary prepared by OHCHR in accordance with paragraph 15 (c) of resolution 5/1 of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/WG.6/1/BHR/3, paragraph 16).

<sup>2</sup> Report of the independent expert for the United Nations study on violence against children (A/61/299).