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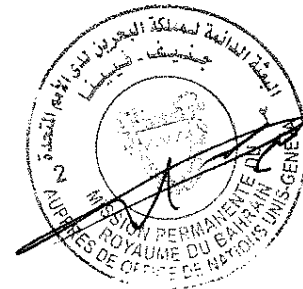
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and wishes to refer to the letter and questionnaire of Ms Lailani Farha, Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context, in relation to her upcoming report to the General Assembly, 70th session.

In this regard, the Mission has the honour to enclose herewith the reply of the Ministry of Housing at the Kingdom of Bahrain on the aforementioned subject.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurance of its highest consideration.

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**Mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the Right to adequate housing.
Questionnaire for the General Assembly 70th Session.**

1. What role will national and international human rights standards on the right to adequate housing play in informing your positions and proposals for Habitat III?

The right to adequate housing is fully reflecting Bahrain's national and international standards of Human Rights and exceed the international right to adequate housing standards.

The Government of Bahrain has a clear and consistent vision of providing access to adequate and decent housing to all Bahraini families, in particular those with limited income, for almost 40 years.

This vision is robustly anchored in the constitution, which states that '**Government shall endeavor to provide housing to citizens with limited income**'.

The Vision of the Ministry of Housing has and continues to ensure a superior quality of life and a sustainable and attractive living environment for Bahrain residents through facilitating access to adequate and decent housing in particular for those citizens with limited income. Through the delivery of housing services based on this vision Bahrain provides an opportunity for each of the families to create a real 'home' to raise a family in a safe and secure environment and to form part of a supportive and integrated neighborhood.

The Housing sector, similar like all other sectors in Bahrain, has a highly developed legal and regulatory system that is social, fair and just and conforms to the best international practices. This system includes a strong protection against forced evictions, a strong protection against arbitrary destruction and demolition of the citizen's home and a solid protection against interference with all aspects of home, privacy and family. There is freedom to choose one's residence, to determine where to live and to freedom of movement. Bahrain has a high level of security of tenure, and a solid system of Housing, land and property restitution. Citizens have equal and non-discriminatory access to adequate housing and have robust participation opportunities in housing-related decision-making at the national and community levels especially through the parliamentary and municipal council system, which are both elected.

This approach is aligned with Vision 2030's economic and social principles and the National Economic Strategy (NES) and fully supports the vision of the country and community. It targets to fulfill His Majesty the King's vision, which places the Bahraini citizen at the core of growth and development and as the principle recipient of prosperity and opportunities arising from the continuing economic and social development of the Kingdom.

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