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Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Mr. Chair,

We warmly welcome the Delegation of Qatar and congratulate you for the completion of your second Universal Periodic Review here at the Human Rights Council.

We are aware that you are working towards improving your human rights situation and that as stated in by one delegation you have been helpful to developing States in giving financial assistance for their development.

We agree with paragraph 83 for you medium term perspective through the National Vision of 2030 and the reform and debate for the Kafala system, in light of the projects related to the FIFA World Cup.

We also believe it necessary to continue to address gender equality and work towards eliminating discrimination against women and girls in accordance with the obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (paragraph 122.20).

We also believe it would be productive to the human rights treaties listed in paragraph 124.17, including to the Optional Protocols in other paragraph in the section on calls to accede to human rights treaties.

Finally, although we see you did not accept this recommendation, we do agree with a particular number of States who called upon Qatar to issue a moratorium to capital punishment or the death penalty.

We also believe it necessary that you actively support the right to self-determination at the Human Rights Council.

I thank you Mr. Chair.