Thank you, Chair.

While Bahrain continues to submit VNRs, concerns remain regarding the inclusiveness and the quality of reporting. Unlike previous cycles, the current VNR refers only to consultations with UN and international actors. The report also lacks a clear framework linked to the SDGs, Targets, and Indicators, omitting several key indicators related to inequality, decent work, sustainable cities, marine resources, and access to information. This limits transparency and accountability.

Progress in the health sector is welcome, but important challenges persist. Shortages of essential medicines, continued reliance on foreign doctors despite unemployment among Bahraini medical graduates, and inadequate health and education services in newly developed communities such as Salman City highlight persistent inequalities in access to public services.

Bahrain has also made important advances in women's education, employment, healthcare, and leadership. However, further legal reforms are needed, particularly to enable Bahraini women to pass their nationality to their children, in line with the principles of gender equality.

We ask:

1. While the report highlights increased non-oil revenues, how does the delegation reconcile this with rising inflation, increasing public debt, widening fiscal deficits, and their impact on citizens' living standards? What measures are being taken to ensure sustainable and inclusive economic growth?
2. Does the Government plan to complement its food security strategy with measures that promote food sovereignty, supporting small-scale producers, and food sysem resilience to external shocks?
3. How does Bahrain’s “advanced legislative framework” fulfill the equitable land-administration criteria of the 2030 Agenda?

ع:

ملاحظة: يجب ألا يتجاوز طول البيان 300 كلمة (ويُفضّل أن يكون 250 كلمة، حيث يمكن قراءته خلال دقيقتين (المدة الزمنية المحددة نموذجياً). سرعة القراءة المعتادة هي 120-140 كلمة في الدقيقة (بحسب طول الكلمات). يمكن إلقاء البيانات بأي لغة رسمية من لغات الأمم المتحدة (والإسبانية، الإنجليزية، الروسية، الصينية، الفرنسية، العربية) ضمن المدة الزمنية نفسها.

في هذه مرحلة الإعداد المبكرة (أي قبل الاطلاع على مسودة التقرير الوطني الطوعي الرسمي)، تتمثل الأسئلة المهمة التي يجب معالجتها فيما يلي:

هل تتعاون الحكومة في المحيط الوطني مع المجموعات الرئيسية وأصحاب المصلحة الأخرى، وكيف، وما هو تقييمكم لهذا التعاون؟

ما التقدم المُحرز - أو عدم إحرازه - الذي ترونه منذ التقرير الوطني الطوعي الأخير؟

ما هي القضايا والتحديات الرئيسية التي تواجه بلدكم حاليًا في سعيه لتحقيق أهداف التنمية المستدامة؟

NOTE: Statements should not be longer than 300 words (better if 250, as this can be read in the 2-minute intervention (the standard time limit). The normal reading speed is 120/140 words per minute (depending on the actual word length). Statements can be delivered in any official UN language (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) within the same time limit.

EN:

In this early preparation phase (i.e., before seeing a draft of the official VNR), the important questions to address are:

Does the government collaborate within the country with key groups and other stakeholders, and if so, how, and how would you assess this collaboration?

Do you have a sense of meaningful participation and national ownership of the process?

What progress—or lack thereof—do you see since the last Voluntary National Review?

What are the main issues and challenges currently facing your country in its pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals?

Draft inputs:

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وما هي الإجراءات الجدية لمواجهة مشكلة المياه الصالحة للشرب والاستخدام الآدمي.
وما هي الخطوات الفعلية التي اتخدتها الحكومة من أجل التغيير المناخير.