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Mr. President,

Madam Assistant Secretary-General,

I seize this opportunity to express our solidarity and empathy with National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs) that face retaliatory actions for engaging with United Nations mechanisms. I reaffirm that we as Qatar National Human Rights Committee stand united through GANHRI in the face of these violations.

Reprisal against human rights defenders are unacceptable practices. Governments must recognize the impact of such actions on their international reputation, credibility, and integrity. They must also be aware of the long-term consequences, including the decline in development indicators and socio-economic and cultural setbacks.

Today, as the Qatar National Human Rights Committee, we urge the international community to take decisive actions to uphold the principles of human rights and protect those who champion them. We call upon nations to strengthen their commitment to human rights by actively engaging in dialogue and diplomacy that emphasizes respect for human rights and the safeguarding of human rights defenders. This entails fostering international cooperation and partnerships that promote accountability, transparency, and justice. We emphasize that safeguarding human rights is a shared responsibility that transcends borders, and we stand ready to collaborate with all nations in pursuit of a world where human rights are upheld, and reprisals are eradicated.

Thank you.