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**Note verbale dated 14 June 2007 addressed to the secretariat of the
Human Rights Council by the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to
the United Nations Office at Geneva**

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the secretariat of the Human Rights Council, and has the honour to enclose herewith,** in Arabic and English, the reply of the competent authorities in the Kingdom of Bahrain to the lies and allegations of Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja.

In this respect, the Mission would appreciate if the documents attached could be circulated as an official document of the fifth session of the Human Rights Council and on the Council's website.

Annex

13.6.2007

STATEMENT

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain refutes in its entirety all the content of the statement made yesterday by Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja in a Human Rights Council meeting, for no reasonable person can believe his calumnies.

It is no secret to anyone the extent of the contribution of His Highness Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, to the progress and development of the Kingdom in all the its housing, economic and social aspects, and the role His Highness has played in alleviating poverty and providing adequate housing to the poor and the needy. Noting that the Scroll of Honor Award was conferred on to His Highness for his distinguished achievements in the urban development and housing field with complete unanimity of the Award Governing Council, he was awarded this Prize after being closely followed by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and being deeply examined for the role played by His Highness and the appropriate planning that led to the achievement of the urban development and housing goals. The eligibility of H.H. Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister, to the 2006 Scroll of Honor Award for his distinguished achievements in the urban development and housing field has been confirmed through follow-up and field visits carried out by the experts, specialists and officials in this area.

The Kingdom of Bahrain has made impressive gains in the human development area in spite of its limited resources, which reflect the Government programmes' efficiency, effectiveness and success under H.H. the Prime Minister leadership, its plans aiming to develop the citizen and his welfare and to improve his standards of living and its policy to achieve sustainable development. The most important evidence for this is what the Kingdom of Bahrain has accomplished once again at the human development level in the 2006 Human Development Report issued by the United Nations Organization. The Kingdom is ranked thirty ninth at the Global level and the second at the Arab level.

We are also surprised how Mr. Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, who does not represent any official or legal or civil entity but representing only himself, was allowed to speak before this respectful Council.
