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**Joint Statement by 127 Human Rights Organizations
Over the Inter-Parliamentary Union Conference
Calling on participants to work on stopping all forms of repression and political
persecution in Bahrain.**

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) will hold its 146th Assembly in the Kingdom of Bahrain between 11 - 15 March 2023. A large number of parliamentarians and international observers from 179 countries are expected to participate.

On this occasion, the undersigned human rights organizations express their deep concern about the continued deterioration of the human rights situation in Bahrain, in light of an environment that restricts public freedoms, while there are ongoing arrests, torture crimes, death sentences, ill-treatment, unfair trials, absence of press freedoms, and poor prison conditions, in addition to the dissolution of opposition political societies and the confiscation of political rights by the authorities. In fact, Human rights defenders, including human rights activist Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja, former president of the Bahrain Center for Human Rights, and opposition leaders, including Sheikh Ali Salman, Secretary-General of the Al-Wefaq National Islamic Society, are still imprisoned.

The undersigned human rights organizations call on the participants of this conference to shed light on the human rights issues in Bahrain and work to stop all forms of political repression and persecution, abolish the Political Isolation Law in particular, death sentences, and the Nationality law, and stop other gross violations. In addition, the organizations call on the participants to demand releasing all prisoners of conscience unconditionally and providing reparations, achieving transitional justice, stopping unfair trials, emphasizing the principle of freedom of





opinion and expression, restoring nationalities, and not targeting dissidents, including former MPs.

Signatories:

1. Coordination for Maghreb Human Rights Organizations (include 26 HR organizations from Morocco, Mauretania, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya)
2. The Moroccan Coalition for Human Rights Bodies (includes 20 Moroccan human rights organizations)
3. Palestinian Women's Action Union
4. Union des femmes soudanaises
5. The Jordan Federation of the independent Trade Unions
6. Union of Palestinian Women's Action Committees
7. Union des comités d'action des femmes palestiniennes en Cisjordanie palestinienne
8. Egyptian Coalition for Child Rights
9. Women's Cultural Assembly for Democracy / Iraq
10. Cultural Rally for Democracy / Iraq
11. Association of NGOs (comprising 50 organizations) Lebanon
12. Rassemblement des femmes démocrates libanaises
13. Mauritania Professors Alliance
14. Jordan Coalition Against the Death Penalty
15. The European Coalition to Support the Prisoners of Palestine
16. Syrian Coalition Against the Death Penalty (SCODP)
17. The Iraqi Alliance for Human Rights Organizations (includes 55 organizations)
18. The Arab Coalition against the Death Penalty (includes 9 coalitions in 8 countries)





19. The Syrian Feminist Coalition to activate Security Council Resolution No. 1325 in Syria (led by 59 women, and includes 94 human rights and women's rights advocates)
20. Yemeni Coalition Against the Death Penalty
21. Women's Media and Development / Palestine
22. Ibn Rushd Association for Development and Democracy / Iraq
23. The Jordan Society for Human Rights
24. Baraem Association for Social Work/Lebanon
25. Civil Solidarity Association - Mediterranean / Tunisia
26. Working Women's Association/Jordan
27. Women's Action Association for the Rehabilitation of Women and Children _ Gaza _ Palestine
28. Lebanese Association of Democratic Jurists
29. Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development PWWSD”
30. Women’s Association for Women’s Development and Development/ Yemen
31. Moroccan Association for Human Rights
32. Moroccan Anti-Bribery Association
33. Economic and Social Forum Association for Women/Jordan
34. The Mauritanian Association for the Promotion of Rights
35. Najdeh Social Association - Gaza / Palestine
36. Najdeh Association for the Development of Palestinian Women
37. Arab Women Organization-Jordan
38. Association pour le développement des femmes rurales en Palestine
39. Chamoua Association for Equality/Morocco
40. Mothers School Association / Palestine
41. Orient Forum Association for Freedom and Peace
42. Amman Society Forum for Human Rights
43. Women for Jerusalem Association / Lebanon





44. Protecting human rights defenders around the Arab world/ France
45. The International Campaign to End the Siege on Yemen
46. Tunisian League for Tolerance
47. The Algerian League for Defense Human Rights
48. Association of Women Heads of Families from Mauritania
49. Iraqi League for Human Rights Trainers
50. Freedom Pioneers for Integrity and Human Rights Training / Jordan
51. The Jordanian Network for Human Rights (includes 11 human rights organizations)
52. Election Network in the Arab Region
53. Women's Defense Network in Syria (including 63 Syrian women's organizations and 72 independent Syrian women's figures)
54. The Arab Human Rights Trainers Network
55. Women's Peace and Security Network (Yemen)
56. The Syrian National Network for Civil Peace and Community Safety.
57. Shuaa for Human Rights/Algeria
58. The Syrian Federation of Human Rights Organizations and Bodies (It includes 92 organizations, centers and commissions inside Syria)
59. Committees for the Defense of Democratic Freedoms and Human Rights in Syria (LDH)
60. Syrian Medical Committee/Paris
61. Arab Commission for Human Rights
62. The Kurdish Committee for Human Rights in Syria (Al Rased).
63. The Vigilance Committee for Democracy in Tunisia / Belgium
64. Committee for the Respect of Human Rights in Tunisia
65. The International Council Supporting Fair Trials and Human Rights (ICSFT)
66. Yemeni Council for Rights and Freedoms / Yemen
67. Lawyers for Justice /Yemen





68. Tunisian Observatory for Human Rights
69. Arab World Observatory for Democracy and Elections (Al Marsad)
70. The Arab Observatory for Human Rights and Citizenship/ Lebanon
71. French Observatory for Human Rights/Paris
72. Hurriyat Observatory/Morocco
73. Arab Women Media Center / Jordan
74. Al-Badeel Center for Studies and Research/Jordan
75. Kham Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture-Lebanon
76. Women's Studies Center/ Palestine
77. The Palestinian Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and Advocates "Musawa"
78. Palestinian Centre for Peace and Democracy PCPD
79. Bisan Center for Research and Development / Palestine
80. Learn and Know Center for Research and Studies/Jordan
81. Tunis Center for Press Freedom
82. Damascus Center for Theoretical and Civil Studies
83. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS)
84. Eye of Humanity Center for Rights and Development / Yemen
85. Metro Center for Defending the Rights of Journalists/ Iraq
86. Scandinavian Institute of Human Rights/Geneva
87. Gulf Institute for Democracy and Human Rights
88. International Institute for Peace, Justice and Human Rights/Geneva
89. Najd Development Forum / Palestine
90. The National Forum for the Defense of Public Freedoms and Human Rights / Jordan
91. Houran Forum for Citizenship/Syria
92. Bahrain Forum for Human Rights
93. Renewal Forum / Tunisia





94. Sisters Forum for Human Rights / Yemen
95. Sudanese National Civil Forum (includes 54 civil society organizations) / Sudan
96. Moroccan Forum for Truth and Equity
97. African Organization for Human Rights Monitoring/Morocco
98. Libyan Academic Organization
99. International House for Human Rights / France
100. The Tunisian Organization against Torture
101. Gender Studies and Information Organization / Iraq
102. The Arab Organization for Human Rights in Syria
103. Organization for the Defense of the Rights of Victims of Violence
104. ALQST Organization for Human Rights
105. The Kurdish Organization for Human Rights in Syria (DAD)
106. National Organization for Human Rights in Syria
107. Yemeni Organization for Dialogue of Religions and Cultures
108. Freedom House Organization to defend human rights and combat slavery and its remnants/ Mauritania
109. Organization for Freedom of Information and Expression/Morocco
110. Human Rights Organization in Syria- Maf
111. Organization for the Protection of Law and the Promotion of Peace / Yemen
112. Salam Organization for Democracy and Human Rights
113. Desert Youth Organization for Development and Human Rights / Libya
114. Humanity Pulse Organization
115. Humanity Relief and Development Organization / Yemen
116. Yemeni Organization for Defense Rights and Democratic Freedoms/Yemen
117. Edwards Foundation for Social Change/Palestine
118. Syrian Foundation for Studies and Public Opinion Research
119. The Egyptian Foundation for Family Development





120. Oyoum Foundation for Human Rights, Rabat, Morocco
121. The Arab Foundation to support Civil Society and Human Rights/Egypt
122. The Egyptian Foundation for the Advancement of Children's Rights
123. National Foundation to Combat Human Trafficking/Yemen
124. Mada Foundation for Human Rights /Iraq
125. Yemeni Bar Association
126. The International Commission for Supporting the Rights of the Palestinian People
127. Sahel Commission for the Defense of Human Rights / Mauritania

