

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence



Item 2: General Debate

Human Rights Situation in Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom of Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Mr. President,

In line with the annual report presented by the UN HC on the situation of human rights around the world, ODVV would like to express its concerns over the human rights situation in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

In Saudi Arabia, ODVV is deeply concerned with the use of death penalty for political opponents, the situation of Shia and the Yemen humanitarian crisis.

- ODVV calls on Saudi Arabia to take steps to bring the criminal procedure system in line with international standards in the use of the death penalty for peaceful dissidents, end anti-Shia educational and social efforts and ban blind air strikes in Yemen.

In Bahrain ODVV is particularly concerned with the situation of religious minorities as well as the Shia majority, human rights defenders and revocation of nationality. Therefore, ODVV calls on the Bahrain to:

- Combat discrimination based on religion; avoid harassment of human rights defenders, end the revocation of nationality and to reinstate all those who have been denationalized.

In the United Arab Emirates ODVV is alarmed by targeting of civilians in Yemen on the pretext of armed conflict and the situation of migrant workers. ODVV calls on UAE to:

- Stop targeting of civilians on the pretext of combating against Ansarollah and protect civilian lives in both military operations and secret prisons and continue efforts to protect the rights of foreign workers.