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Dear Major General Adel Khalifa Al-Fadhel,

Subject: Training of the National Security Agency on Human Rights

I am pleased to write in reference to your letter requesting UNDP support in providing training on human rights subjects to the National Security Agency members.

UNDP has been involved in a number of initiatives around the world in supporting security and justice capacity building and reform. I am pleased to enclose a copy of the most recent UNDP brochure on these issues. As for your request, UNDP Bahrain Country Office is pleased to include the needs of the National Security Agency on human rights trainings in its plans and active projects.

As Resident Coordinator of the UN system, I would like to inform you that UNDP is working closely with other UN agencies such as the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (UN OHCHR) and the Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to develop a comprehensive respond to the needs of the Government of Bahrain in the areas of Human Rights and reforms in the Justice sector. Within this framework, I wish to bring to your attention that we are currently preparing for a possible joint technical assistance mission of the before mentioned agencies to review the specific needs of the country and develop a comprehensive assistance programme.

In the meanwhile and to facilitate communication among our two agencies, I would appreciate your designating a focal point from your office to enable us to follow-up and identify further the human rights training needs. From our side, Mr. Firas Gharaibeh, Deputy Resident Representative will be the Focal Point for these activities.

We would like to request a meeting at your earliest convenience to discuss further details.

Accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely yours,

UN Resident Coordinate

UNDR Resident Representative

Major General Adel Khalifa Al-Fadhel Head of National Security Agency Kingdom of Bahrain