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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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* This written statement is issued, unedited, in the language received from the submitting non-governmental organization.

Freedom for Nabeel Rajab

Minor Criminal Court issued the first in Bahrain Thursday, 16/08/2012 arbitrarily ruled against human rights activist Nabeel Ahmed Rajab imprisonment with force for three years in addition to an earlier judgment against him for three months in prison on charges of calling for unauthorized gatherings.

The provisions, whether relating to the alleged abuse to the citizens call for peaceful assemblies is licensed two judgments based on international law, which you mind marches and rallies peaceful but organized in public order and protect the protesters and secure the road for them, In this context, emphasize that it is breaking the law is a state that prevents peaceful marches and gatherings are constitutionally guaranteed.

That is not to citizens, including Nabeel Rajab only demonstrates and protests as an expression of opinion which Majkovlh Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the National Action Charter and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights as the Kingdom of Bahrain among the countries that have ratified this Covenant and comes in the frame of the international human rights. This is a judgment purely political judgment and purpose of revenge and retaliation.

From this standpoint, the Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture calls for associations and personalities Bahraini human rights and the 21 session of the Human Rights Council to demand that the authorities of the Kingdom of Bahrain to release human rights activist Nabeel Rajab, and all the prisoners and prisoners of conscience immediately. As we go to all the forces, political organizations and the Bahraini human rights, Arab and international and the United Nations, to intervene to release activist Nabeel Rajab, and all the prisoners and prisoners of conscience in Bahrain.
