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**Report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights aspects of the victims
of trafficking in persons, especially women and children, Sigma Huda**

Addendum

MISSION TO BAHRAIN, OMAN AND QATAR

Corrigendum

Paragraph 78

Replace the existing text by:

78. Pending the adoption of legislation and other measures to address the vulnerability of these workers in the same way as that of other categories of foreign workers, women in prostitution are often subjected to various forms of abuse and exploitation at the hands of their sponsors. The Special Rapporteur was informed that the passports and other legal

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documents of these women are systematically confiscated. Their freedom of movement is also severely restricted and, when allowed to leave work or housing premises, they are often accompanied. Moreover, apart from the inhuman and degrading treatment they are made to undergo when forced into prostitution, these women also suffer physical, psychological and verbal abuse at the hands of their sponsors. The Special Rapporteur also received reports indicating that the women are frequently moved from one place to another, or in some cases from one Gulf country to another. In Qatar, it is reported that many of the women who have been forced into prostitution were brought in through Saudi Arabia or the United Arab Emirates.
