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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and wishes to refer to the letter of Mandates of the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights; the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights; and the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief pursuant to Human Rights Council resolutions 28/9, 26/3, and 22/20, regarding alleged patterns of continuous discrimination against Shia Citizens (mainly Baharna and Ajam), which have been taking place since 2011, and which are undermining their rights to freedom in the area of religion, expression and culture, and the request to receive a response by **January 2016**.

In this regard, The Mission would like to request an extension of the deadline to respond to the aforementioned questions by the **end of January 2016**.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights the assurances of its highest consideration.

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