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Dear Deputy Director Willcutts,

In reference to your letter dated March 4, 2010, please find the attachment from the Ministry of Labor of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (202) 537-7800.

Sincerely,

Houda Nonoo
Houda Ezra Nonoo
Ambassador

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NOTE ON CHILD LABOUR AND FORCED LABOUR

8 April 2010

No specific surveys on child labour or forced labour has been conducted in Bahrain. This note is prepared on the basis of information obtained on working teenagers in the age category 15-17 years from a labour force survey conducted by the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research (BCSR) on behalf of the Ministry of Labour in 2004, and on administrative data on notification of run-away workers registered at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

According to the 2004 labour force survey, there were 515 teenagers, 15 to 17 years old, engaged in an economic activity during the reference week, some 316 Bahrainis and 199 non-Bahrainis. The majority were working a few hours a week, either combining school and work or on training before entering the labour market. Only 14 were reported to be working in construction and none in mining and quarrying, the two industries considered to involve hazardous work for young people.¹ The survey does not cover the activities of young people below 15 years of age.

Aside from these observations, there is no evidence that any of these teenagers were working in child labour conditions, that is, in any activity or occupation that, by its nature or type, has or leads to adverse effects on the person's safety, health and moral development. The minimum legal age for admission to employment is 14 in Bahrain.

On forced labour, the available information is even more scant. Hence, there is no evidence of forced labour in Bahrain.

Director of Public & International Relations
Ministry of Labour

¹ ILO Convention No. 182 and ILO Recommendation No. 190 on Worst forms of child labour.