

To the IPU-delegations from the parliaments of Canada Ireland New Zealand The Netherlands

Thank you for support at IPU-session

Dear colleagues

The Danish Parliamentary delegation to the IPU met recently to evaluate our participation at the 146th IPU-session 11-15th March in Bahrain.

Our delegation chose to focus on the Danish-Bahraini citizen Abdulhadi Al-Khawaja. He has spent more than 11 years of an unjust life sentence in prison for leading peaceful protests during the 2011 popular uprising in Bahrain. We also criticised the decision by the Bahraini authorities to revocate the Human Rights Watch visas.

On behalf of the entire Danish IPU-delegation I will like to thank all of you for supporting us in highlighting these very important issues during the session. Thank you for bilateral talks and thanks for support at the 12 plus meetings and in the Assembly.

As members of an organisation like the IPU it is absolutely vital to speak up when basic human rights are being violated – in this case by the host nation of an IPU-session.

We are looking forward to continuing the good cooperation with you. Not least on these essential human rights issues.

Yours sincerely

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