STATEMENT

by the Spokesperson on the upcoming parliamentary elections in Bahrain

"We welcome His Majesty King Hamad’s announcement regarding the holding of parliamentary elections in Bahrain on 22 November 2014 and express our hope that all political actors representing the diversity of Bahraini society will participate in the electoral process.

The European Union considers that credible and inclusive elections can represent one important element for the advancement of genuine national dialogue and reconciliation, thus promoting the necessary sustainable reforms in a spirit of shared responsibility in the interest of all Bahrainis."

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