



## **Statement by NIHR on International Day of the Girl Child (IDGC)**

Manama on October 11, 2018

In commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child, which falls on 11 October every year, to support the basic priorities for the protection of the rights of the girls and focus attention on the need to address the challenges faced by the girls all over the world and promote their empowerment and realization of their human rights, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) stressed the importance of concerted national efforts by government and civil society organizations to support the rights of the girls, whether in education, health and protection from violence and discrimination or in promoting the principle of equality and equal opportunities before the law, since gender equality is not only a fundamental human right, but also a necessary foundation for peace, prosperity and sustainability in the world.

At the same time, the NIHR appreciates Bahrain's efforts to foster and promote the rights of the child in general and the rights of the girls in particular as well as the promulgation of the Decree-Law No. (16) of 1991 on the accession of Bahrain to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the UN General Assembly in November 1989, and affirms that it works with its wide mandate under its Incorporation Law pursuant to the Paris Principles, to follow-up and monitor compliance with the international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain on the promotion and protection of the rights of the girls.

The theme selected for the International Day of the Girl Child this year is "With Her: A Skilled Girl Force", as a generation of girls is preparing today to enter the workplace. This theme focuses on the importance for encouragement and attraction of attention and investments to empower and train the girls to acquire the skills necessary to qualify them to participate effectively in the labor market in the future.