



NIHR's Statement on the Royal Decree Specifying Terms and Conditions for Appointment of Members of the NIHR Council of Commissioners

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) praises His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, may God protect him, for issuing the Royal Decree No. (17) of 2017 specifying terms and conditions for appointment of members of the NIHR Council of Commissioners, which contributes to enhancing the effectiveness and performance of the NIHR Council of Commissioners and goes in line with the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Accreditation that subordinates to the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI), aiming to complement NIHR's compliance with the Paris Principles that organize the operation of the national human rights institutions around the world.

The aim of NIHR establishment in 2009 was and still is based upon His Majesty the King's deep faith in human dignity guaranteed by the Islamic Sharia and the established Arab traditions in our beloved country and keenness to respect and enhance the status of human rights in the Kingdom and its promotion in all civil, political, economic, social and cultural aspects.

This High Royal Will complements the issuance of the Decree - Law No. (20) of 2016 to modify some of the provisions of the Law No. (26) of 2014 on the establishment of the NIHR in order to play its role with increasing independence, reflecting the sincere belief of His Majesty the King in the importance of human



rights and provision of all possible human rights means and legal protection to every citizen and resident on this affluent land.

The issuance of the Royal Decree specifying terms and conditions for appointment of members of NIHR Council of Commissioners emphasizes the determination of the wise leadership to follow a consistent and advanced approach in everything that would enhance the independence, fullness and effectiveness of members of the NIHR Council of Commissioners and ensure integrity, impartiality and professional competence of its members in order to exercise their rights, with the emphasis on ensuring that the spectrum of society and women are fairly represented in selection.

The NIHR, led by the approach of the Commander of Bahrain and the noble values laid down by the wise leadership, affirms its full commitment to the noble guidance and strive for human rights respect, enhancement and promotion by all possible means.

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