

## **Statement by NIHR on the Occasion of Bahrain's winning of UNHRC Membership**

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is commending Bahrain's third term as a Member of the Human Rights Council (UNHRC) during the elections held by the UN General Assembly in New York, which was the result of the wise leadership policy that believed in respect for and protection of human rights, which paved the way for the reforms led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, in various fields through the National Action Charter and the Constitution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, which are considered the main source of human rights in Bahrain.

The NIHR believes that Bahrain's winning of this membership is a great responsibility resting upon everyone in Bahrain, and that its accession to the developed countries in the area of human rights is an international recognition of the constitutional and institutional reforms carried out by the political leadership and reflects the true image of Bahrain's position in safeguarding human rights and dignity.

The NIHR, through its human rights and regularity position, affirms that the Kingdom of Bahrain has worked hard and continuously to promote and protect the principles of human rights in accordance with international conventions and has strengthened cooperation with all international efforts to improve the human rights situation.

The NIHR renews its aspiration for greater cooperation and partnership with the UN bodies and civil society institutions, and stresses that any comments made by human rights organizations, whether local or international, are welcome whenever they are in the interest of developing the human rights situation of Bahrain, stressing that it works with its broad mandate, affirmed by its Incorporation Law pursuant to the Paris Principles, to follow-up on the commitment to international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of human rights in order to their enforcement and respect by everyone for the promotion and protection of human rights.