

## Statement by NIHR on the Occasion of Holding Interfaith Collective Prayers on May 14



### Manama on May 14, 2020

The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) pays tribute to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of Bahrain, who backed the initiative by the Supreme Committee for Human Fraternity to pray, fast and supplicate for humanity on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May for the sake of human solidarity in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic (Covid-19).

The NIHR believes that this supreme welcoming confirms the speech by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander, First Deputy Prime Minister, when he visited the operations room of the National Taskforce for Combating the Coronavirus (Covid-19) last February, stating that: “The world is facing today mounting challenges to combat the Coronavirus (Covid-19), which does not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, religion or social class, which requires concerted efforts to combat it in a way that preserves the health and safety of everyone”.

The NIHR also believes that the participation of the Kingdom of Bahrain in this day stems from the leadership and people’s full belief in the importance of consolidating religious freedoms without compromising them, as well as the importance of solidarity of everyone of different religions and sects in order to spread the values of peace and love and enjoy the fruits of human brotherhood.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that the participation of the whole world in supplication and prayer on this day for Allah Almighty to remove this virus from all of us has a great value in spreading reassurance and peace of mind in the spirits of all, praying to Allah Almighty to protect all humanity. May Allah preserve Bahrain, leadership and people.