

**NIHR's Statement on the Occasion of the Inauguration  
of the 27th Session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review**

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) welcomes the inauguration of the 27th session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review by the UN Human Rights Council, which is deemed a unique process of reviewing the human rights records of all the State Members of the UN every four years.

The NIHR emphasizes the importance of the Universal Periodic Review as a fundamental mechanism by the UN Human Rights Council, which is based upon equal treatment among all the States, as it provides an opportunity for all the States to publicize their actions towards improving the human rights conditions in their countries and overcoming the challenges to the practicing of human rights and public freedoms, and to share the best human rights practices around the world.

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