## **NIHR's Statement on UN Day**

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On 24 October every year, the world celebrates the UN Day, which comes in line with the anniversary of the entry into force of the United Nations Charter in 1945, where the UN emerged on the international scene after the majority of Member States had signed the founding document.

This organization works to move towards resolving all forms of disputes and conflicts within the framework of the international system that respects laws and international norms and establishes a more just and stable international community, given that the joint cooperation and organized work and the pursuit of international justice may overcome conflicts and intra-disputes and prevent the outbreak of a third world war in the presence of disputes and conflicts in some countries which threaten the security and stability of the region and the world at large and achieve the objectives of the sustainable development plan 2030, drafted by the UN.

The UN General Assembly's Resolution considered 24 October a global occasion to celebrate the UN in 1971, recommending celebration of this public occasion by Member States. The UN Day celebration represents an opportunity for all the States to reassert their adherence to the ideals of the United Nations and the principles and values enshrined in the Charter and to work to achieve such human aspirations.

On this occasion, the NIHR congratulates the UN Member States, General Secretariat and all employees as the UN will witness a transition process during this year by expiration of the mandate of its 8<sup>th</sup> Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, with all his efforts during his mandate period appreciated, to start the mandate of Mr. Antonio Gutierrez as the new UN Secretary General, wishing him all success in continuing his global mission of bringing peace, achieving sustainable development and realizing human rights in all parts of the world.

The NIHR further extends its sincere congratulations and gratitude for the efforts undertaken by the UN relevant international and regional human rights bodies in the field of training and education and the specialized programs they implement in order to raise the capacities of employees of official bodies or civil society organizations working in this area.

In this regard, the NIHR works within its broad mandate, confirmed by its establishment Law pursuant to the Paris Principles, to follow-up on compliance with international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain on human rights, to ensure the force and respect thereof by everyone to work on the enhancement and protection of human rights. The NIHR looks forward to further cooperation and partnership with the UN human rights bodies in the field of training and education, in order to work on the deployment of human rights awareness among citizens and residents, and raise the capabilities of workers in this field.