



Statement by the NIHR on the Occasion of the United Nations Day

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On the 24th of October each year, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joins the rest of the world in the celebration of the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945, being the overarching document of the common human values devoted to peace and justice among the peoples of the world, which is an opportunity to evoke the lofty goals upon which the UN and its agencies and bodies were founded.

The NIHR emphasizes that the Kingdom of Bahrain is one of the leading countries in the area of human rights through its reform experience that has established and protected all public rights and freedoms of citizens and residents alike, due to its consistent approach to close cooperation with the United Nations with its various organs and mechanisms, as well as its unremitting efforts on the regional and international levels to achieve prosperity and development for all countries of the world, as the Kingdom of Bahrain has recently won the membership of the Human Rights Council for the third time in its history from 2019-2021, as a culmination of its policies and efforts in support of the international human rights legitimacy.

Based upon the NIHR's terms of reference set forth in its Incorporation Law No. (26) of 2014 as amended by the Decree-Law No. (20) of 2016, which target the promotion and protection of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, the NIHR interacts with all treaty and non-treaty mechanisms of the UN through the submission of parallel reports and the contribution to the drafting and discussion of national reports that the Kingdom of Bahrain undertakes to submit on a periodic basis and making observation thereon, in application of the regional and international conventions on human rights, examines the legislation and regulations in-force in the Kingdom of Bahrain relating to human rights, and recommends the amendments it deems appropriate, especially with regard to the consistency of such legislation with Bahrain's international obligations on human rights.

In this regard, the NIHR is emphasizing that it works with its broad mandate, under its Incorporation Law as per the Paris Principles, to follow-up the commitment to international conventions and treaties ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of the promotion and protection of human rights, in order to ensure their application and respect by everybody. The NIHR is also looking forward to further cooperation and partnership with the UN bodies and agencies concerned with human rights in order to establish a comprehensive system for the application of human rights principles that include the achievement of peace, security, stability and development for all countries and peoples of the world.