



**National Institution for Human Rights commends the consent of the
esteemed cabinet to grant Bahraini citizenship to the children
of Bahraini mother married to a foreigner**

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National Institution for Human Rights commends the approval of the esteemed cabinet, in its ordinary meeting chaired by His Royal Highness Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, on Sunday, January 12, 2014, to grant Bahraini citizenship to the children of Bahraini mother married to a foreigner in accordance with specific criteria and terms and forwarding a draft law amending some provisions of the Bahraini nationality act of 1963 to the legislative authority according to the constitutional and legal procedures.

The National Institution for Human Rights emphasizes that granting Bahraini citizenship to the children of Bahraini mother married to a foreigner embodies the state's obligation to bring about effectual equality between male and female citizens in implementation of the Kingdom's Constitution and National Action Charter, and is consistent with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) joined by the Kingdom under Decree-Law No. (5) for 2002. It is also in line with the recommendations of the Human Rights Council during the Universal Periodic Review of the Kingdom's Report whose recommendations received full support from the esteemed government.

It is worth mentioning that the National Institution for Human Rights has recently filed a proposal to the esteemed government to grant Bahraini citizenship to children of Bahraini mother married to a foreigner.