

Statement by NIHR on the 13th Anniversary of its Incorporation in Bahrain

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November 2022 marks the 13th anniversary of the establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), as it was established by order of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Great King of the country, in 2009, and was confirmed by the issuance of Law No. (26) of 2014 establishing the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR), emphasized by the promulgation of the Shura Council of Representatives by His Majesty the King, which was amended in 2016 in order to give the NIHR more independence and powers aimed at protecting and promoting human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Since its inception, the NIHR has sought to protect, promote and develop human rights, through its effective contribution to spreading the values of awareness, peace and tolerance in society, and supporting ensuring the granting of rights to individuals without discrimination or persecution in accordance with its legal reference.

The NIHR is a clear indication of the progress of the Kingdom of Bahrain in the human rights field and its keenness to implement international human rights standards at all levels, as an independent national mechanism that has taken upon itself, since its establishment, to implement the provisions of various legislations concerned with the protection and promotion of human rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

In commemoration of this occasion, the NIHR affirms that it continues to work, with its broad mandate confirmed by its Establishment Law, to follow-up and monitor the extent of compliance with the international instruments and covenants of the United Nations signed by the Kingdom of Bahrain, concerned with the promotion and protection of human rights.