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NIHR's Statement On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, countries around the world including the Kingdom of Bahrain celebrate the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination on the 21st of March each year. This is to reaffirm that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and they have the ability to contribute constructively to the development of their societies.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the United Nations has chosen the slogan "**A Decade of Recognition, Justice, and Development: Implementing the International Decade for People of African Descent**" as the theme for this year. This is because racial discrimination and the legacy of slavery continue to persist around the world, depriving billions of people, especially those of African descent, of their human rights and freedoms. The theme for this year is linked to the International Decade for People of African Descent, which spans from 2015 to 2024.

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the National Institution for Human Rights commends Bahrain's efforts in promoting equality and rejecting racism in all its forms. The Kingdom is committed to monitoring and implementing the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, with combating racial discrimination being one of the key pillars outlined in the national action charter and constitutional texts. Article 18 of the Constitution reaffirms that "people are equal in human dignity, and citizens are equal before the law in rights and public duties, with no discrimination based on gender, origin, language, religion, or creed."

On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the National Institution for Human Rights affirms its commitment to monitoring compliance with international and regional treaties and agreements aimed at rejecting racism in all its forms. It calls on the international community to unite and collaborate to enhance awareness worldwide to reject racism, discrimination, and hatred, in pursuit of sustainable development goals, particularly Goal 10, which focuses on reducing inequalities.
