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NIHR Statement on the Occasion of World Children's Day

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On the occasion of World Children's Day, the Kingdom of Bahrain joins countries around the world in celebrating this annual event, observed on the twentieth of November each year—a date of special significance as it marks the adoption of the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. This occasion serves as a renewed opportunity to reaffirm the international commitment to protecting children's rights and to raise community awareness of the importance of providing a safe and supportive environment that ensures their care, protection, and ability to contribute to building a more advanced and sustainable future.

This year, the United Nations adopted the theme “My Day... My Rights”, reflecting the importance of children's right to participation and expression. The theme highlights the need to actively listen to children and empower them to voice their opinions about the world they aspire to live in, based on a shared responsibility that requires hearing them, supporting their views, and recognizing their aspirations.

In this context, the National Institution for Human Rights values the significant efforts made by the Kingdom of Bahrain to promote and protect the rights of the child through national policies and initiatives that support child wellbeing and development, as well as specialized protection and social care programs. These efforts are complemented by legal frameworks that safeguard every child's rights to education, health, and protection. Such achievements have strengthened the Kingdom's standing as a leading nation in this field through the adoption of national initiatives and institutions dedicated to childhood and to enhancing children's integration within society.

On this occasion, the NIHR reaffirms its commitment to continuing its role in monitoring the implementation of the international conventions ratified by the Kingdom of Bahrain in the area of child rights, and in supporting qualitative initiatives that enhance children's participation and reinforce the principle of the child's best interests in policies and decision-making. The NIHR also remains keen on strengthening ongoing cooperation with all relevant entities to ensure an environment that enables children to grow, innovate, and participate effectively in the development of the community.

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