

Statement by NIHR on Mechanism for Implementation of Alternative Sanctions and Measures

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) welcomes the Resolution of H.E. the Minister of Interior No. (76) of 2018 on “the determination of the concerned party and the mechanism for the implementation of alternative sanctions and measures” and the Resolution of H.E. the Minister of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Awqaf No. (35) of 2018 on “the determination of the employers in the service of society and types of works exercised therein”.

The NIHR believes that these resolutions will effectively contribute to the reform and rehabilitation of convicts and their prompt integration into society and reduce the pressure on the penal enforcement centers, which will positively affect the reform service and enable the reform and rehabilitation centers to implement larger reform plans. It also reflects Bahrain’s commitment to the relevant international laws and charters and its keenness to develop penal institution systems and strengthen the criminal justice system.

It is worth mentioning that the NIHR sent its views on the draft law on alternative sanctions and measures attached to the Royal Decree No. (32) of 2017 to both the Board of Representatives and the Shura Council and published such views in Chapter 1 of its 5th annual report for 2017 on the advisory opinions submitted by the NIHR to the constitutional authorities in Bahrain.

On this occasion, the NIHR renews its national commitment to human rights issues and all the requirements of their protection and the safeguarding of the national achievements on the human rights level, expressing its full readiness to work with the relevant bodies in the preparation of rehabilitation programmes, training courses and various educational activities.