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At the Press Conference Launching the National Institution for Human Rights Report on Documenting Violations Resulting from the Heinous Iranian Aggression against the Kingdom of Bahrain and Its Impact on the Enjoyment of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms

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Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my pleasure, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Council of Commissioners and the Secretariat General of the National Institution for Human Rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain (NIHR), to welcome you and express my sincere appreciation for your presence and participation in this press conference marking the launch of the NIHR's human rights report entitled *"Documenting Violations Resulting from the Iranian Aggression against the Kingdom of Bahrain and Its Impact on the Enjoyment of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms."*

At the outset, the National Institution for Human Rights is honored to express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, the King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, for His Majesty's unwavering commitment to the welfare, dignity, and human rights of all people, and for his direct oversight of the conditions of citizens and residents affected by these heinous attacks. This reflects the Kingdom of Bahrain's deeply rooted humanitarian values and its enduring commitment to protecting human dignity.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, for his leadership of the national response to the repercussions of this crisis. His leadership ensured a rapid and effective response, enhanced national preparedness, and strengthened coordination among the relevant authorities, thereby contributing to the protection of lives and property, ensuring the continuity of essential services, and preserving the security and stability of society.

Distinguished Guests,

This report embodies the mandate entrusted to the National Institution for Human Rights to monitor the human rights situation, document violations, and assess their impact in accordance with relevant national and international standards, consistent with its legal mandate and national responsibilities.

The heinous Iranian attacks that the Kingdom of Bahrain has endured—and continues to endure—have posed an exceptional challenge, with repercussions extending across virtually every aspect of life. This necessitated documenting this critical period from a human right, legal, and humanitarian perspective, assessing its impact on individuals and society, and highlighting the national efforts undertaken to protect civilians and civilian objects, ensure the continuity of essential services, and safeguard human rights and fundamental freedoms.

As we present this report today, we emphasize that its purpose extends beyond documenting facts and events. It also seeks to contribute to promoting a culture of human rights, supporting efforts aimed at protecting civilians, and reinforcing the principles of justice, accountability, and respect for international law.

The report comprises twelve chapters, covering the Institution's mandate, the applicable legal and methodological framework, guiding principles, sources of information, standards of proof, and the obligations of States under international law. It further examines the impact of these heinous attacks on human rights and fundamental freedoms, presents the field visits and interviews conducted by the Institution, and concludes with proposals for reparation and a set of recommendations. A summary of these key findings will be presented immediately following these remarks.

We also take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to all governmental and civil society entities, as well as to every individual who contributed to the completion of this important national endeavor. Their support reflects the spirit of cooperation, partnership, and shared responsibility in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Once again, I warmly welcome you all and hope that this report will contribute meaningfully to enriching the human rights discourse and strengthening national and international efforts aimed at protecting human dignity and safeguarding the rights and freedoms of all.

Thank you.