

**ROYAL ORDER NO. (28) OF 2012 ON AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF  
ROYAL ORDER NO. (46) OF 2009 ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain,

After reviewing the Constitution,

And Royal Order No. (46) of 2009 on Establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights,

And Royal Order No. (16) of 2010 on Appointing members of the National Institution for Human Rights,

And Royal Order No. (2) of 2011 on Appointing a Secretary General for the National Institution for Human Rights,

Herby Order the following:

**Article 1**

The provisions of Article (2), 2nd paragraph of Article (6) and Article (9) of the Royal Order No. (46) of 2009 on the Establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights, shall be replaced by the following:

**Article (2):**

- a) The Institution shall be consist of a number not exceeding fifteen members including the Chairman and his Deputy from dignitaries reputed for their competence and integrity to be selected from consultancy firms, academic organisations, civil society organisations, unions, social, economic and professional institutions and dignitaries concerned with human rights issues, provided that women and minorities representation shall be observed appropriately.
- b) The members of the Institution shall be appointed by a Royal Order for four years renewable once for a similar period.
- c) The Institution members shall convene their first meeting under the chairmanship of the most senior member to elect a chairman and deputy chairman from amongst them for a similar period of their appointment. The deputy chairman shall replace the chairman to undertake all his duties during his absence or any matter that prevent him from attending. The Institution Chairman, his deputy and members shall act in their personal capacity.

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- d) If the position of any member becomes vacant for any reason, a replacement shall be appointed from the dignitaries with the same instrument and method provided for in the preceding Clauses and such successor shall complete the term of his predecessor.
- a) An institution member shall not be relieved from his office for any reason before the expiry of the membership term except by a Royal Order in the event where a member violates the duties of his post, incapable of performing them or for any other reason preventing him from carrying out such duties or affects his personality or position.
- b) A Royal Order shall determine the remuneration of the Institution's Chairman, his deputy and members.

**Second Paragraph of Article (6):**

The institution meeting shall be considered valid if attended by the majority of its members, provided the Chairman or his deputy is present. The resolutions of the Institution shall be passed by the majority votes of members present and in case of a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

**Article (9):**

The Institution's Secretary General shall be appointed upon a recommendation from the Institution chairman upon approval of the majority of members and the candidate nominated to fill the office of the Secretary General shall fulfil similar conditions and qualities required for the institution member.

**Article 2**

Clauses (A) and (L) of Article (3) of Royal Order No. (46) of 2009 on the Establishment of the National Institution for Human Rights shall be revoked and any article that contravenes the provisions of this Royal Order shall be revoked.

**Article 3**

This Order shall come into force from the date of issue and be published in the Official Gazette.

**Signed:**

**Hamad bin Isa AL Khalifa,  
King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

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