



**Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights  
on the Arab League's approval of the request of the Kingdom of Bahrain  
to host the headquarters of the Arab Court of Human Rights**

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National Institution for Human Rights commends the consent of the Council of the League of Arab States in its 140th session at the level of Foreign Ministers held on Sunday, September 1, 2013 at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo at the request of the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the headquarters of the Arab Court of Human Rights.

National Institution for Human Rights confirms that initiative of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain to establish an Arab Court of Human Rights is unprecedented in the Arab world. It was the result of a wise and foresighted view on the origination of an Arab mechanism in the field of human rights that adds a new dimension to the joint Arab action in the field of respect and protection of human rights being a necessary legal mechanism to support the human rights system under the League of Arab States. It also sheds light on the extent of the attention paid by the Kingdom of Bahrain to keep up with modern changes taking place in the international arena to strengthen the institutions of human rights.'

National Institution for Human Rights also confirms that Arab support to the Royal Initiative came to enhance the strength and worthiness of this initiative that emanated to keep pace with the aspirations of the peoples of the Arab nation and meet their ambitions for reform, modernization, achieve sustainable



development, fortify the pillars of the rule of law, justice, equality, and respect for human rights and dignity. It is a Royal acute vision and forward-looking into the Arab reality, challenges and desired aspirations to achieve a bright future for the benefit of the peoples of the Arab nation.

National Institution considers hosting the Kingdom of Bahrain to the headquarters of the Arab Court of Human Rights as a gain for the Arab nation in general and for Bahrain in particular owing to successful experiences in the human rights domain presented by Bahrain for the development of Arab mechanisms in the field of human rights. It will also contribute to the development of the regional Arab human rights system, by creating a mechanism to support the work of the Arab charter on human rights, which was approved by the Arab League Council in its 16th session in Tunisia in 2004, keep pace with global developments in the field of encouraging respect for and protection of human rights, and help to make up for the insufficiency that may currently exist in the Arab charter on human rights in terms of content and implementation mechanisms.

On this occasion, the National Institution for Human Rights congratulates the leadership and people of the Kingdom of Bahrain on hosting the headquarters of the court, and hopes it will be doing a gesture of cooperation and consensus among the Arab states so the court becomes a positive addition to the joint Arab action, The National Institution wishes the Arab League Council and the Secretariat General of the Arab League success in the endorsement of the draft statute of the Court and present it to the Arab summit for approval.