

**Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights
on the 20th anniversary of the United Nations High
Commissioner for Human Rights**

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On the occasion of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights celebrating the 20th anniversary of the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna on June 25, 1993, the National Institution for Human Rights expresses appreciation and the whole world appreciation of the bold steps taken by countries around the world in order to consolidate, promote and protect the principles of human rights as this forms the constructive way to achieve peace, stability and development.

The World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna on June 25, 1993 is considered the cornerstone in which it was pledged to draw a road map to walk towards sublime goals in human rights, where they reached substantial recommendations and pledges notably: the agreement on the establishment of the post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to protect and promote all human rights, in addition to the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Program of Action (VDPA) to form the beginning of renewed effort in the protection and promotion of human rights over 20 years, including the advancement of women's rights, the development of international law to achieve accountability actors for human rights violations, protect and promote the rights of marginalized groups and expanding awareness of the universality and the indivisibility of human rights.



The theme of the 20th anniversary of establishing the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights " 20 years of work for your rights" aims to raise awareness of the World Conference on Human Rights and the developments that have taken place in order to spread the human rights message and remaining challenges. The logo design to express the meaning in which it resides, the designer of the logo shoved hope colors and drew a direct road to signal the ongoing renaissance in the field of human rights action plan.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay noted on this occasion that: "We continue to strive towards a world that recognizes the rights of all human beings, and that the Declaration and Program of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna in 1993, still add a lot to our work agenda. The declaration has formed historic progress in the promotion and protection of human rights, which is the most comprehensive document of human rights over the past forty years".

For its part, the National Institution for Human Rights affirms striving to achieve its vision in the promotion and protection of human rights by carrying out its mandate established by Royal Decree No. (46) of 2009, and amended by the Royal Order No. (28) for 2012, through partnership with the United Nations human rights bodies in accordance with Paris Principles.

It also calls on this occasion to combine all efforts and effective cooperation to promote, develop and protect human rights and to consolidate values and awareness by the application of the largest Sublime guarantees for human rights on the soil of the Kingdom of Bahrain.