

Statement of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) on the occasion of the United Nations Day

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On 24 October every year, the world celebrates the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and reflects on the functions entrusted to it. On October 24, 1945, the United Nations (UN) came into force. This organization is considered as an important start for organized international institutional work after the end of World War II in 1945, a real effort towards cooperation and rapprochement between all countries of the world, and a move towards resolving all forms disputes and conflicts within the framework of an international system that respects international laws and norms and establishes to a fairer and more stable international community. This is due to fact that joint cooperation, of organized work and the pursuit of international justice can overcome intra-regional conflicts and disagreements and prevent the outbreak of a third world war and achieve the Millennium Development Goals formulated by the United Nations . The UN General Assembly's resolution on October 24 as the date for global celebration of the United Nations day was passed in 1971, calling on all Member States to observe the occasion as a public occasion.

In the same context, the United Nations is working to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which are developments goals UN Member States have agreed to try to achieve by the year 2015. The main development goals of this millennium include eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education education, promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing child mortality rates, improving maternal health, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and working on establishing global partnership for development. All of these goals enhance the promotion, protection and development of human rights at the international level, without losing sight of the importance of strengthening intra-regional ties among various peoples.

For its part , the NIHR congratulates the UN Member States, the Secretariat-General and all staff at the United Nations on this occasion, stressing the UN's great role and the efforts made by its bodies, institutions and affiliated organizations in the field of progress and prosperity for the international community as a whole, in addition to preventing the outbreak of sharp disputes, which may lead to international tensions and conflicts that may lead to world wars and massive destruction in the world in light of steady dangerous advancement in the field of weapons of mass destruction. The NIHR also expresses its sincere congratulations and gratitude to the efforts UN bodies concerned human rights make in the field of publishing, education and protection of human rights at the international level, in addition to halting all forms of human rights violations that might occur in the countries of the world. The NIHR lauds all the efforts made in this context.

Taking into consideration all resolutions issued by the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies on human rights issues, the NIHR is working closely in order to ensure the commitment of the Government and civil society organizations in the Kingdom of Bahrain to the conventions and treaties acceded to by the State in this context, in addition to its role within the Bahraini society through activating its terms of reference as stipulated in the text of the Royal Order No. (46)-2009, which gives the NIHR jurisdiction "to promote, develop and protect human rights, promote the value of these rights and disseminate awareness and contribute to guaranteeing the exercise of these rights". The NIHR is also looking forward to carrying out its duties within Bahrain based on its terms of reference and in partnership with the United Nations human rights bodies in accordance with the Paris Principles on the jurisdiction of national institutions, stressing the unlimited support it enjoys from His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to fully carry out its mandate.