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## Statement of NIHR On the Occasion of the Adoption of the Human Rights Declaration of the Gulf Cooperation Council

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On the occasion of the adoption of the Human Rights Declaration of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which was approved during the thirty-fifth session in 2014, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) extends its congratulations to the GCC Member States on this milestone, which embodies a firm belief in human dignity, strengthens coordination, integration, and solidarity among the Gulf States in various fields, and supports the solid and commendable achievements made in the field of human rights at the national, regional, and international levels.

In this context, NIHR affirms that the Declaration is aligned with the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and is consistent with the Arab Charter on Human Rights and the Cairo Declaration. Its drafting was based on the principles of Islamic Sharia, the Statute of the GCC, and the relevant international and regional covenants. The Declaration represents a qualitative step in the development of the human rights framework within the GCC States and reaffirms their steadfast commitment to upholding human dignity and protecting fundamental rights and freedoms.

On this occasion, NIHR highlights the continuous support provided by the Kingdom of Bahrain to the course of joint GCC action and its keenness to strengthen human rights integration among GCC States in a manner that enhances stability and sustainable development. The NIHR also reaffirms its national role in supporting GCC efforts to promote a culture of human rights and to enhance cooperation and the exchange of expertise among national human rights institutions in the GCC, thereby contributing to advancing human rights practices and meeting the aspirations of the peoples of the Gulf Cooperation Council.

In this regard, NIHR underscores its commitment to monitoring and following up on the Kingdom of Bahrain's compliance with the international human rights conventions and treaties it has ratified. It also emphasizes the importance of strengthening national capacity-building in this field to support the development of monitoring and follow-up mechanisms, in addition to continuing to reinforce cooperation and joint coordination between the NIHR and its counterpart institutions in the GCC States, and enhancing the mechanisms of such cooperation in a manner that meets the aspirations of the region's peoples, strengthens the entrenchment of human rights values, promotes a culture of tolerance and peace, and contributes to building more just and sustainable societies for all, without exception.

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