

## Statement by NIHR on United Nations Day

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On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October every year, the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joins the international community in the celebration of the United Nations Day as a valuable opportunity to reaffirm the commitment by Member States to the objectives and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which are deemed indispensable for building a more peaceful, prosperous and just world based upon the principle of respect for and promotion of sovereignty of law and justice.

On this occasion, the NIHR commends the important role played by UN agencies and bodies in promoting its active role in the advancement of the international community. The NIHR also expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation for the efforts made by those agencies and bodies in the dissemination, education on and protection of human rights with a view to reduce all forms of violations affecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, in order to establish a more just and stable international community.

The NIHR, through its human rights and supervisory position, asserts that the Kingdom of Bahrain is among the leading countries through its reform experience through which it established the rules of democracy, coexistence and sustainable development in various fields of public life in compliance with the relevant international conventions.

The NIHR hereby works in accordance with its broad mandate asserted by its Incorporation Law pursuant to the Paris Principles to follow-up on the commitment to the international conventions and treaties emanating from the UN, which have been ratified or acceded to by the Kingdom of Bahrain, in the area of human rights, to ensure that they are being enforces and respected by everyone. The NIHR is also looking forward to further cooperation and partnership with the UN agencies and bodies concerned with human rights in order to contribute to the dissemination of human rights awareness among citizens and residents alike and to raise the capabilities of its staff in this area, in activation of the competences of the NIHR as stated in Law No. (26) of 2014 on the Incorporation of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) amended by the Decree-Law No. (20) of 2016.