



Statement by NIHR on 9th Anniversary of its Incorporation

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) is celebrating the 9th annual anniversary of its incorporation on 10 November 2009 pursuant to the High Royal Order No. (46) of 2009 on the Incorporation of the National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR). The NIHR continues to strive to reflect the central objective for which it has been established, which is the promotion, development and protection of human rights, consolidation and raising awareness of their values and contributing to ensuring that they are being practiced by everyone, by carrying out its tasks freely, impartially and independently in conformity with the Paris Principles, which represent the legal reference for its incorporation.

The initiative by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of Bahrain, may Allah protect him, to incorporate the NIHR as an independent and neutral institution in accordance with the Paris Principles of 1993, was a milestone in the course of Bahrain's human rights work, as it clearly reflects the progress, development and growth achieved by Bahrain in the application of international human rights standards in all fields, where the promotion and protection of human rights is an integral part of the vision of the Kingdom of Bahrain and one of the most important pillars of building a state of institutions and law on which the Kingdom of Bahrain is pursuing.

To achieve its mandated tasks, the NIHR has recently adopted the Strategy and Action Plan for the years (2019-2021), aiming at making the human rights concepts part of the national lifestyle, where four major themes were chosen for the next three years, namely: Environmental Impact on Human Rights, Human Rights and Sustainable Economic Development, the Right to Equal Treatment and Dissemination of Awareness of Human Rights Principles in Civil Society Institutions and the Business Sector.

On this occasion, the NIHR states that it will work with its broad mandate, asserted by its Incorporation Law pursuant to the Paris Principles, to follow-up on adherence to international conventions and treaties emanating from the UN, which the Kingdom of Bahrain has ratified or acceded to in the area of human rights, to ensure that they are being enforced and respected by everyone. The NIHR also calls for concerted efforts to contribute to the consolidation of human rights principles within a framework of mutual cooperation and partnership between official bodies, civil society institutions and private sector in support for comprehensive and sustainable development in the Kingdom of Bahrain.