

**NHRC Statement No. (03/2019) on the decision issued by the ICJ on 14 June 2019 on the complaint submitted by the UAE against the State of Qatar**

The National Human Rights Committee received with great satisfaction the decision of the International Court of Justice issued on 14 June 2019 to reject the request for provisional measures submitted by the United Arab Emirates under the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in its dispute with the State of Qatar. The ICJ has denied a request by the UAE for immediate measures against Qatar including: withdrawing its complaint against the UAE to the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, preventing its national organizations and the media from publishing accusations against the UAE in cases brought before the ICJ, and other measures.

Welcoming the decision of the ICJ, the NHRC considers it an essential step following the ICJ's first decision of 23 July 2018 to redress victims, and further evidence of the legal movements of the State of Qatar and that recourse to international means and mechanisms is not an escalation, but a legitimate right guaranteed by international conventions to achieve justice and ensure redress and compensation to the victims.

The ICJ's important decision also refutes the UAE's allegations against the National Human Rights Committee and attempts by Emirati officials to question its credibility.

The National Human Rights Committee believes that the UAE's policy of escaping forward to cover up its crimes and violations against the Qatari people and the Gulf peoples would be fruitless and will not prevent pursuing accountability and international condemnation.

In conclusion, the NHRC congratulates the victims of the blockade and human rights organizations for the second victory in the judicial process initiated by the State of Qatar, to end all kinds of violations resulting from the blockade and to redress those affected.

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