

NHRC Statement No. 06/2018

On the European Parliament resolution No. 2018/2712 (RSP) dated May 31, 2018

The National Human Rights Committee of the State of Qatar welcomes the European Parliament resolution No. 2018/2712 (RSP) dated May 31, 2018, which affirmed the human rights violations resulting from the unjust blockade imposed on the State of Qatar by the Saudi authorities and other countries of the blockade, including the following:

- Having regard to the impact on human rights, both at domestic and regional level, of the sanctions put in place by Saudi Arabia and other countries against Qatar and the report on the impact of the Gulf Crisis on human rights published by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in December 2017.
- Having regard to the statement of 29 May 2018 by the Spokesperson for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on recent arrests in Saudi Arabia, including the arbitrary detention and disappearance, without due process, of Nawaf Talal Rasheed, a prince from the Al-Rashid dynasty, and the son of the late poet Nawaf Talal bin Abdul Aziz Al-Rashid.
- Calls on the Saudi authorities to end incitement to hatred and discrimination against religious minorities, and against all other individuals and groups subjected to violations of their human rights by Saudi Arabia, including foreign nationals from countries from other regions.

The NHRC considers the resolution as a positive step, being added to the positions of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Special Rapporteurs on condemnation of the unilateral measures taken by the countries of the blockade, and calls on the European Parliament to take further steps and actions to condemn the countries of the blockade and ensure accountability of these countries for violations and responsibility to redress for victims.

The National Human Rights Committee of Qatar also calls on EU countries to support the European Parliament's position and to exert pressure to put an end to human rights violations resulting from the blockade imposed on the State of Qatar.

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