

Kingdom of Bahrain

Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs, and Waqf

Minister Office

To the respected brother, His Eminence Judge Hatem Fouad Ali,

Head of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for the GCC region- Abu  
Dhabi

May peace, mercy and blessings of God be upon you...

On the light of royal directives aimed at bolstering the partnership with UN agencies, specifically the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and on the light of meetings held with Your Eminence during your previous visits to the Kingdom of Bahrain, during which talks were held with the concerned judicial parties, I am glad to discuss with you avenues of collaboration in which the UNODC contribution would help reinforcing the good implementation of criminal justice in accordance with standards acknowledged by the United Nations and Human Rights Principles as follows:

- 1- Contribution in the establishment of a specialized prosecution that controls the good implementation of criminal justice and leads efficient investigations in accordance with the Istanbul Protocol and the UN Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. This can be achieved by ensuring training sessions and providing consultancies in relation to procedural, administrative or legislative measures.
- 2- Establishment of a specialized office attached to the Attorney General. This office shall be concerned with human rights and affairs related to the detainees; it operates as a party for receiving complaints in these regards and assumes a control and follow-up of cases that will be referred to the specialized prosecution.
- 3- Training of the judicial body and members of the Public Prosecution in a way that makes their posts a factor contributing in banning and eradicating torture and mistreatment.

- 4- Contribution in the training of law implementation bodies on the principles of criminal justice and public order in relation to their work; this would help developing their competences in the field, in compliance with international standards related to law implementation and human rights.
- 5- Provision of the technical help needed for developing legislations that protect victims, witnesses and experts, including people subjected to revenge for filing lawsuits related to torture, mistreatment, and harsh, inhumane, or professional sanctions.

At the end, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to you, wishing that we move forwards in the development of the cited initiatives. With your efforts, these initiatives would undoubtedly contribute in anchoring the reign of law and protecting human rights as ultimate objectives of the United Nations.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

Khaled Bin Ali Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa

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