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Summary of the Experience of the National Centre for Human Rights in the Framework of the Universal Periodic Review

The National Centre for Human Rights (NCHR) has played a key role during the third and fourth cycles of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Human Rights Council, in line with its mandate as an independent national human rights institution operating in accordance with the Paris Principles. The Centre has focused its efforts on supporting the implementation of UPR recommendations, promoting inclusive national participation in the review process, and providing objective and independent information on the human rights situation in Jordan, thereby contributing to the development of national policies and legislation.

Reporting and Technical Contributions

The Centre submitted written contributions to the stakeholders' reports within the UPR framework based on a sound and professional methodology drawing on field monitoring, complaints received by the Centre, analysis of legislation and public policies, and the Centre's periodic reports, as well as shadow reports and recommendations issued by treaty bodies and reports of international organizations.

The Centre's submissions focused on priority human rights issues and included practical and implementable recommendations, contributing to the credibility and quality of information provided within the review process and reinforcing the role of national human rights institutions as independent sources of information.

Participation in National Consultations

The Centre actively participated in national consultations preceding the UPR process by providing technical observations and objective assessments regarding the implementation of previous recommendations and the challenges encountered. It also promoted a participatory approach in the preparation of national reports and strengthened coordination among government institutions and civil society organizations.

These efforts have reinforced the Centre's position as a key national partner in the UPR process.

Follow-up on the Implementation of UPR Recommendations

The Centre attaches particular importance to the follow-up of UPR recommendations as a practical tool for improving the human rights situation. In this regard, the Centre has:

- Integrated UPR recommendations into its annual and thematic reports;

- Monitored progress in the implementation of recommendations at the legislative and institutional levels;
- Engaged with relevant government authorities to support the implementation of recommendations.

This approach has strengthened the effective use of UPR recommendations and contributed to linking them with national human rights reform efforts.

Advocacy and Awareness-Raising

The Centre has implemented a range of activities aimed at strengthening awareness of the UPR mechanism and the importance of implementing its recommendations. These activities included meetings, workshops, and awareness-raising initiatives targeting government institutions and civil society organizations.

These efforts have contributed to strengthening national awareness of the UPR mechanism and its role in advancing the human rights system.

International Engagement

The Centre participated in the various stages of the UPR process, including sessions for the adoption of UPR outcomes, where it delivered statements addressing the human rights situation in Jordan, progress achieved in implementing recommendations, and the challenges encountered.

This engagement strengthened the Centre's international presence and highlighted its role as an independent national institution supporting the implementation of the State's human rights obligations.

Proposals for Enhancing Participation in the Fifth Cycle (2027–2032)

Based on its accumulated experience within the UPR framework, the National Centre for Human Rights emphasizes the importance of strengthening the effectiveness of national human rights institutions' participation in the forthcoming cycle through:

- Strengthening national consultations by developing regular and structured participatory mechanisms that bring together government institutions, national human rights institutions, and civil society organizations;
- Developing follow-up mechanisms, including the preparation of periodic reports and systematic assessment of the level of implementation of recommendations;
- Harmonizing reporting methodologies in order to improve the quality of inputs provided by national institutions and ensure consistency and comparability;
- Promoting the exchange of knowledge and experiences among national human rights institutions in support of mutual learning and the sharing of good practices, thereby enhancing the impact of the Universal Periodic Review mechanism.