

# Decree-Law No. 38 of 2002 Establishing the National Human Rights Committee 38 / 2002

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We, Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar,  
Having perused the Amended Provisional Constitution, in particular Articles 23, 27 and 34 thereof; and  
The draft law submitted by the Council of Ministers;  
Hereby promulgate the following Law:

## Articles

### Article 1

A permanent committee called the "National Human Rights Committee" (hereinafter "the Committee") shall be established with a legal personality and an independent budget, and its headquarters shall be in the city of Doha.

### Article 2

The Committee shall aim at protection of human rights and freedoms. In order to achieve its objectives, the Committee may practise the following competencies:

1. Endeavouring to achieve the objectives embodied in international conventions and treaties on human rights which Qatar is a party.
2. Advising concerned bodies in the State on matters related to human rights and freedoms.
3. Investigating violations of human rights and freedoms if any, and suggesting suitable means to deal with such violations and avoid their occurrence.
4. Monitoring records and reports by international organisations and non-governmental organisations on human rights situation in the State, and coordinating with concerned bodies to address them.
5. Taking part in the preparation of reports submitted by the State on human rights and freedoms.
6. Cooperating with international and regional organisations concerned with human rights and freedoms.
7. Raising awareness and enriching education on human rights and freedoms.

Article 3 (Amended By Law 7/2008) (Amended By Decree 25/2006)

The Committee shall be comprised of no less than seven civil society representatives, to be selected from human rights advocates and a representative of each of the following authorities:

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2. Ministry of Interior.
3. Ministry of Justice.
4. Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.
5. Supreme Council for Family Affairs.

Each authority shall nominate its representatives for the Committee.

The representatives of these authorities shall participate in the Committee's work and attend its meetings but without having the right to vote.

The appointment of members shall be issued by an Emiri resolution.

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## Article 4

The term of membership of the Committee shall be for three years renewable for similar period(s).

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## Article 5 (Amended By Law 7/2008)

The Committee shall choose from among its civil society representative members a chairperson and vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall replace the chairperson during his absence or whenever the post is vacant, and the Committee shall appoint a rapporteur.

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## Article 6 (Amended By Law 7/2008)

The Committee shall meet, upon the invitation of its chairperson, once a month and whenever necessary and such meeting shall be deemed valid in the presence of the majority of its members representing the civil society, including the chairperson or vice-chairperson. The Committee's recommendation shall be issued by a majority vote of the attending members. In case of a deadlock, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

The Committee shall submit a report on the results of its work to the Council of Ministers every three months and whenever requested to do so, together with its suggestions.

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## Article 7

The Committee may invite to its meetings whoever concerned if it is necessary to have experts and others to seek their advice or opinion and to participate in Committee's discussions, without having the rights of voting.

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## Article 8

The Committee may form sub-committees or work teams to study any of the subjects related to its competencies from among its members or other experts and persons concerned.

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## Article 9

The Committee shall have a general secretariat composed of a secretary general and adequate number of employee whose appointment, specialisations and rewards shall be issued by the Committee's Chairperson, in accordance with the provisions of the executive bylaw of this Law.

Article 10

Resources of the Committee shall be subsidies, donations, grants, gifts and wills according to the provisions of the executive bylaw of this Law.

Article 11

Ministers, governmental bodies, authorities and public corporations shall cooperate with the Committee and provide it with information and data necessary to perform its mission.

Article 12

The Committee shall formulate the executive bylaw of this Law, which shall be issued by a resolution of the Council of Ministers.

Article 13

All competent authorities, each within its own jurisdiction, shall enforce this Law which shall come into force from the date of its publication in the *Official Gazette*.