

Executive Summary

Roundtable on "The Role of Political Parties in Enhancing the Participation of Persons with Disabilities in Public Affairs"

Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at the NCHR Headquarters

The Disability Unit, in collaboration with the Civil and Political Rights Committee of the National Council for Human Rights (NCHR), organized a roundtable on **October 8, 2024**, to discuss and explore the role of political parties in enhancing the participation of persons with disabilities in public affairs. The event was attended by the heads and representatives of 22 political parties, as well as a representative from the National Council for Persons with Disabilities.

The participating political parties praised the role of the NCHR as a national mechanism for monitoring and ensuring the political rights of persons with disabilities in society. They also commended the composition of the NCHR, with its 27 members selected from over 2,000 candidates.

At the end of the event, the participating political parties signed the **Disability Rights Charter** with the NCHR for the first time. The document adopted a series of key recommendations, including:

- **Affirmation of the Independence** of the National Council for Human Rights.
- **Allocating Quotas for Persons with Disabilities** and ensuring their representation within party organizations.
- **Providing Financial and Technical Support** to disability candidates running for elections.
- **Encouraging the Inclusion of Disability Rights Agendas** in political party platforms.
- **Involving Persons with Disabilities** in the formulation of public policies.