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Mr. President

The Mission of the State of Kuwait welcomes His Excellency Hanns Schamacher and the German delegation to this session and would like to express its appreciation of the report submitted by Germany in which we would like to underline some developments since the last review, such as the adoption of an Action of Plan to implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the holding of the Islamic Conference in Germany in 2012 which aimed at improving the integration of Muslims.

Mr. President

The Kuwait Mission approves the measures undertaken against the racially motivated crimes, including the Investigating Commission to examine such crimes, and would like to inquire about the latest developments regarding this case.

The Mission of the State of Kuwait recommends to continue the efforts to combat all forms of racial discrimination in particular religious or ethnic discrimination by ensuring penalties that have a deterrent effect and abolishing discriminatory laws that prohibit Muslim women to wear veils which is viewed as a way of life that should be respected and considered.

Thank you Mr. President...