**Universal Periodic Review 21 – Kuwait**

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**Intervention by the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

Mr. President,

The Kingdom of the Netherlands would like to thank the Government of Kuwait for the presentation of its national report.

We welcome the recent appointment of a number of women public prosecutors, a step forward in women's participation in the judiciary. Their participation in the *political debate and decision making* (also in Parliament) remains an issue of concern.

Finally, the Netherlands **recommends** the Government of Kuwait to strengthen actions to ensure that the rights of stateless individuals (bidoon), domestic migrant workers and foreign female workers are protected and stateless children have access to education and health care.

The Netherlands also **recommends** the Government of Kuwait to guarantee personal autonomy and individual rights, as enshrined in the Constitution, by a prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, as well as by allowing a medical gender change to be reflected in a person’s identity documents.

Thank you Mr. President