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**Statement by Rwanda Delegation**

Thank you Mr. President,

Rwanda welcomes the delegation of Kuwait to the 21<sup>st</sup> Session of the UPR Working Group and thanks them for the presentation of their national report.

Rwanda commends Kuwait for the progress made in the promotion and protection of human rights since its last review in 2010. In particular, we take positive note of the establishment of Public Anti-Corruption Authority for the coordination of actions to combat corruption.

We further note with appreciation that since the submission of its initial report, the State of Kuwait has ratified, promulgated and introduced further human rights instruments. In particular we commend Kuwait for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Rwanda also takes note of the adoption of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Act as well as the Private Sector Labour Act prohibiting the dismissal of employees on the basis of sex and other grounds.

In a spirit of constructive engagement, my delegation would like to propose the following recommendations for the consideration of Kuwait:

- ***To establish the national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles***
- ***To consider adopting the comprehensive national plan of action to achieve gender equality.***
- ***To consider abolishing death penalty.***

***I thank you Mr. President***