

## Kingdom of Swaziland Statement on Kuwait at the Universal Periodic

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On my own and on behalf of the Kingdom of Swaziland, we send our warmest greetings and welcome to the Hon. Min/His Excellency and his delegation, to the chair, the delegation of the State of Kuwait, their excellencies present here and to all distinguished delegations and UN officials.

First and foremost, Mr. Chairman, we take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate the State of Kuwait for presenting a comprehensive report covering all areas and aspects of the recommendations as highlighted in the report of the HCHR Team.

The Kingdom of Swaziland prides itself to join the long list of countries commending the excellent financial contribution the State of Kuwait is making to mitigate the harsh living conditions experienced by many citizens of the world in poor and developing countries.

The Kuwait Fund which gives loans on affordable rates and concessionary terms in the form of soft loans and grants, has immensely made immeasurable contribution to the infrastructural development of many developing nations of the world, particularly in Africa and Asia.

We also note with gratitude the pledge of **US\$ 1 billion** the State of Kuwait made by **His Highness the Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** to Africa at Third Arab-Africa Summit in Kuwait in November 2013.

No doubt, Mr. Chairman, the State of Kuwait has become one of the leading role models when it comes to contributing to the welfare of the least and less privileged peoples of the world.

We are also encouraged by Kuwait's prompt humanitarian assistance regularly contributed in the form of donations to victims of natural disasters. This we have witnessed in many instances.

Last but no least, we wish the State of Kuwait every success in executing the recommendations proposed to them.

**I thank you all for your kind attention.**