



**Statement by Sweden in the interactive dialogue on Kuwait**

*Delivered by Minister-Counsellor Josefin Simonsson Brodén  
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**Mr President,**

Sweden wishes to welcome the distinguished delegation and express our thanks for the information related to our advance questions.

The capital punishment has not been abolished in Kuwait, though it has been administered rather restrictively during the last years. However, in 2013, five executions were carried out for the first time since 2007.

Kuwait signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2000. In the previous UPR cycle, Kuwait announced that relevant authorities were preparing the ratification of the Statute.

-Sweden recommends Kuwait to reinstate a *de facto* moratorium of the death penalty, with a view to abolish the punishment.

-Sweden recommends Kuwait to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you, Mr. President