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Bangladesh intervention on the UPR of Kuwait

Let me join others in thanking the delegation for the presentation. The national report presented attests the government's sincere undertakings in the promotion and protection of human rights.

Mr. President, enabling socio-economic condition is one of the most important factors that is required for ensuring full enjoyment of human rights. Remarkable economic growth of Kuwait, coupled with free education and free healthcare for all, and initiatives for women's empowerment, has contributed in overall improvement of human rights in the country. We also commend Kuwait for legislative initiatives to ensure adequate protection for foreign workers and numerous decisions relating to workers' rights.

However, we have noted also some areas where the country faces challenges, as expressed by several treaty bodies. In view of the existing challenges, we recommend that the government of Kuwait Continues,

1. Efforts and activities to raise awareness of human rights in the country;
2. Efforts in addressing the welfare of expatriate labors; and
3. Strengthening its policies and programmes for enhancing women's empowerment and equality.