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Mr. President,

Bhutan warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation from the State of Kuwait and thank the (Hon'ble Minister) for presenting a comprehensive update on the human rights development programmes in their country.

It is apparent from the report before us, that the State of Kuwait has, in accordance with its voluntary pledges and the recommendations made during the first universal periodic review, introduced a number of new legislations and amended the existing ones as well, to bring it in conformity with existing international laws and in particular, we would like to note the numerous legislative enactments and measures promulgated in favour of women and children including the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Act and the Act on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Further, as a country, that has taken an approach of 'zero tolerance' on corruption, Bhutan welcomes the establishment of the Public Anti-Corruption Authority, which is expected to reduce the incidence of criminal acts of corruption and their adverse impact on the State's efforts to promote and protect human rights and freedoms.

In conclusion, Bhutan has two recommendations for consideration of the Kuwaiti delegation:

1. Intensify programs and activities related to human rights training to police and military personnel.
2. Share their best practices in the field of education of children with disabilities.

I thank you Mr. President