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UPR of KUWAIT

Mr. President,

Slovenia welcomes the distinguished delegation of Kuwait to the UPR Working Group and thanks them for their presentation today.

We commend Kuwait for ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

We note that numerous allegations of violence against women and domestic violence continue. We welcome different measures taken to protect children against all forms of abuse but remain concerned that early marriage is permitted by law and that young girls continue to be forcibly married.

We **recommend** to the Government of Kuwait:

- to adopt specific legislation criminalizing acts of domestic and sexual violence, including marital rape, investigate the incidents and ensure adequate remedies for victims;
- to abolish the practice of early and forced marriage for girls;
- to prohibit corporal punishment of children in all settings;
- to abolish the death penalty;
- to accede to or ratify Optional Protocols to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

Thank you.