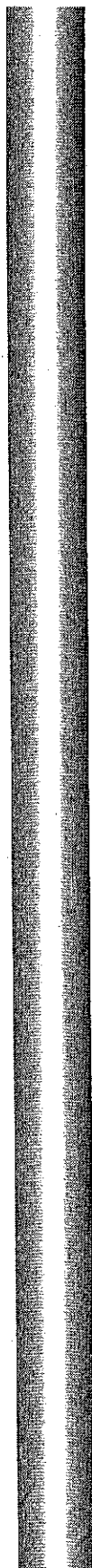


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Mr. President,

Croatia welcomes the delegation of Kuwait and thanks them for the presentation of their report.

We take a positive note with regard to the adoption of several legislative acts as well as the development of programs aimed at addressing many aspects of economic, social and cultural rights.

We welcome certain steps taken by the Government of Kuwait that provide some privileges to stateless persons; such as free health care services and education. We would like to know what further steps has the Government taken in order to better the human rights of the Bidun?

While noting some progress regarding women's rights, Croatia remains concerned about certain aspects of discrimination against women which is still prevalent in society.

We have two recommendations:

1. That Kuwait amends internal legislation so as to prohibit domestic violence and sexual harassment against women and children and ensure that women have equality before the law.
2. Ratify and fully align Kuwaiti national legislation with the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Thank you.