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State of Kuwait

Mr President,

Cyprus warmly welcomes the distinguished delegation of the State of Kuwait, led by Her Excellency, Mrs Hind Al- Sabeeh, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour.

Cyprus acknowledges the measures, taken by Kuwait to implement its international human rights obligations. In particular we commend the adoption of the act of 2013 on the prevention of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.

This delegation appreciates the increase in the participation of women to the labour market in Kuwait. Similarly, we welcome the judicial decision of 2013, which allows women to become prosecutors.

Finally, Cyprus has two recommendations to make for the consideration of the State of Kuwait:

1. Building on the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, to continue its efforts in order to improve their standard of living; and
2. To develop a Comprehensive Strategy for the Environment in order to address the problems of water contamination and air pollution.

Thank you, Mr President.

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