

**UPR – KUWAIT  
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Thank you Mr. President,

We welcome the distinguished delegation of the State of Kuwait, and thank them for their presentation and report.

Italy welcomes the progress made to increase labour market participation and enrolment rates of women and **recommends** Kuwait to continue its efforts to guarantee the rights of women. In particular, Italy **recommends** to ensure gender equality in all aspects of family-related matters and to raise the minimum age of marriage.

Italy is concerned by the application of the law on blasphemy and **recommends** Kuwait to guarantee the right to freedom of expression and to allow the use of social media without undue restrictions and limitations.

Italy acknowledges that some measures have been taken to address the situation of **Bedouins**, and **recommends** Kuwait to enhance efforts to facilitate the regularisation of **Bedouins**, so that they can fully enjoy their rights.

Welcoming the establishment of a Domestic Workers Department, Italy **recommends** to introduce comprehensive legislation to protect the rights of migrant domestic workers and to ensure its effective implementation. Italy also **recommends** to abandon the Kafala sponsorship system.

Italy finally **recommends** Kuwait to introduce a de facto moratorium on capital executions.

I thank you.