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Thank you, Mr President.

My delegation warmly welcomes the delegation of Kuwait to their second UPR cycle and thanks them for the comprehensive national report submitted for review.

My delegation would like to kindly request the delegation of Kuwait to elaborate on what further steps the government of Kuwait plans to take to prevent domestic violence against women, children and the elderly.

Latvia would like to give following **recommendations** to Kuwait:

- To ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court;
- To step up cooperation with the UN Special procedures by responding positively to pending visit requests;
- To consider increasing the minimum age of marriage, especially for girls.

We wish the delegation and the government of Kuwait success in their future work.

Thank you, Mr. President.