

STATEMENT BY THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO
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The delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho welcomes the Kuwait delegation and would like to thank them for the elaborate presentation of their National report, which provides an overview of the achievements and challenges since their first review.

Lesotho also commends the strides that Kuwait has made and continues to make in the socio-economic, civil and political spheres. Although some challenges remain, particularly in the spheres of education, health, employment, Lesotho delegation applauds measures that government has taken within its national priorities to overcome these challenges. The

Lesotho further notes with appreciation that Kuwait has ratified almost all the core human rights treaties. This is a true testimony to the commitment and efforts that the Government is making to enhance the promotion and protection of human rights in accordance with international human rights standards and norms. The enactment of the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Act 2013 and; the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2010 is commendable.

While Lesotho takes a positive note that Kuwait, like other states, faces some challenges in the realm of promotion and protection of human rights, we would like to make the following recommendations:

- That the government continues implementing its national laws in accordance with the universally agreed human rights norms and principles.
- Continue the reforms to improve policies and programmes towards promotion and protection of all human rights.
- take necessary steps to ratify or accede to other major international human rights instruments and which are still outstanding.

In conclusion, Lesotho wishes the Government of Kuwait success in its endeavors to promote and protect human rights within the country. **I thank you.**