**35th session of the Universal Periodic Review**

**Review of Kuwait**

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**Statement by H.E. Mr. Christopher Grima,**

**Permanent Representative**

Thank you, Mr. Vice-President.

Malta warmly welcomes the delegation of Kuwait and makes the following recommendations to the Government of Kuwait:

1) Take measures to prevent arbitrary detention and abuse of State authority in Kuwait, including by ensuring the effective guarantee of due process and the avoidance of systematic and sustained pre-trial detention;

2) Engage effectively with human rights advocates when they report procedural irregularities and due process concerns in respect of particular cases or classes of cases;

3) Consider abolishing the death penalty and accede to the Second Optional Protocol to the Covenant, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty;

4) Ensure the implementation of decisions issued by the courts, especially the rulings related to family disputes.

We wish the delegation of Kuwait a successful review session.

Thank you.