**UPR 35**

**Kuwait**

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**STATEMENT BY THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

The Czech Republic thanks the delegation of Kuwait for its presentation.

Since the last UPR cycle, Kuwait has demonstrated a strong commitment to closely cooperate with OHCHR, treaty bodies and special procedures. We welcome the establishment of the National Anti-Corruption Office as well as a progress achieved in the area of child protection. We took note of the establishment of a Human Rights Office as part of the *Emiri Diwan*.

At the same time, we note that the recommendations provided by the Czech Republic in the previous UPR cycle are yet to be fully implemented. In this respect, **we recommend that the Government of Kuwait**:

1. Assures the compliance of relevant existing laws with international standards of freedom of expression to ensure full protection of human rights defenders, journalists and bloggers;
2. Amends the relevant laws on public gatherings and NGOs to guarantee the freedoms of association and peaceful assembly, in line with international standards;
3. Remove all gender-discriminatory provisions from the Nationality Law;
4. Accedes to the 1954 Convention Relating to the Status of Stateless Persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Thank you.