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**Recommendations by Canada for Kuwait’s UPR**

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Thank you, Madame President.

Canada thanks Kuwait for its presentation and commends the steps it has taken to enhance gender equality, including through the appointment of a woman to a senior ministerial position.

Canada recommends that Kuwait:

1. Take further steps for implementation of legislation and policies to protect women from all forms of violence and ensure the prosecution and punishment of perpetrators of domestic violence and marital rape.
2. Strengthen actions towards the elimination of discrimination against women, and take further legislative and other steps to enhance women’s rights in accordance with its obligations.
3. Ensure that rights afforded to migrant workers are enforced for all categories of migrant workers, including domestic workers.
4. Ensure equal access to education, healthcare and employment for the Bedoon population is enshrined in legislation.

Canada commends Kuwait on progress it has made in improving the living and working conditions of migrant workers. Canada encourages Kuwait to continue on this path.