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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Written statement\* submitted by International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights, a non- governmental organization in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **The Human Rights Situation in Kuwait**

Citizens and residents of Kuwait were optimistic, given that the authorities took serious steps in the general reform of the system, after they dissolved the parliaments of 2020 and 2022, dismissed the government, and formed a new cabinet, in a move that brought satisfaction among the people and was welcomed by human rights activists, activists, and civil society. And this is in a step to eliminate tampering and fraud with electoral restrictions, which called for the optimism of the people that these steps would eliminate all grave violations, address shortcomings, and implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Council after restrictions were imposed on freedom of expression and opinion in Kuwait, as the Kuwaiti authorities exaggerated in its repressive practices targeting political activists and human rights defenders in Kuwait.

The government and the People's Assembly have agreed to enact some laws related to elections, the Constitutional Court, and other laws related to citizens' livelihood.

Remarkably, things have improved, but there are still displaced persons and several laws against freedom and expression of opinion. The government is slow in implementing any decision, but we hope to end this suffering and work to implement the recommendations (302) issued by the Human Rights Council in Geneva and obligate Kuwait to its international obligations.

The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights wishes the government of Kuwait to fully comply with the recommendations issued by the review of the universal periodic report on the human rights file in Kuwait and to expedite the process of reform and correct the course, especially the release of prisoners, politicians and prisoners of conscience and amnesty for them and All forcibly displaced persons and facilitating their return by complementing the general amnesty with its pledges and implementing prisoners of conscience with absolute justice and equality and without any form of hateful discrimination Respecting the right to freedom of opinion and expression and canceling all unjust sentences issued against activists, human rights defenders and practitioners Their right in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the two international covenants, the constitution of Kuwait, and the inclusion of all convicts and political refugees in a special amnesty according to the aforementioned Decree No. 2018 issued on November 22 / 2022 /

And affirming the avoidance of any kind of abhorrent racial discrimination by the authorities against the citizens of Kuwait and working with the rule of justice and equality between them to achieve the desired reconciliation and implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Council on discussing the universal periodic report of Kuwait and to achieve the desired welfare for the general public and contribute after This is the restoration of security in the Gulf region and the region and the achievement of international peace and security.

And to ensure that all rights enshrined in its constitution and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are respected and guaranteed. The International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights demands that all individuals within its territory be empowered.

Kuwait and those under its jurisdiction to enjoy full human rights and not practice any violations of their rights under any circumstances.

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