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Statement on the Case of Human Rights in Kuwait

Kuwait lost its late Emir, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, on the sixteenth of December 2023. After his last decision was Amnesty Decree 225/2023, which in his generosity included pardoning his displaced and detained children, he deserved to be called the “Emir of Amnesty”.

Despite the state of extreme sadness that has spread across the country, the state of optimism continues due to the authorities taking serious steps in the general reform of the system after they dissolved the 2020 and 2022 parliaments, dismissed the government, and formed a new Council of Ministers in a step that brought relief among the people and was welcomed by them. Jurists, activists, and civil society. This is in a step to eliminate tampering and fraud with electoral restrictions, which has led to people’s optimism that these steps will eliminate all serious violations, address deficiencies, 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 their Its repressive practices targeting political activists and human rights defenders in Kuwait.

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

It is noteworthy that things have improved greatly, but there are still many aspects of people’s lives that need reform, and there is still a small number of displaced people. Because of the laws suppressing freedoms 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 adhere to the recommendations issued by reviewing the comprehensive periodic report of the human rights file in Kuwait expediting the reform process and correcting the path, especially pardoning the remaining displaced due to harsh provisions of opinion cases Freedom The Universal Human Rights, the International Covenants, the Constitution of Kuwait, the inclusion of all the convicts and political refugees with special amnesty.

Since the new government was formed in Kuwait in January 2024, citizens and residents look forward to its cooperation and the National Assembly and to proceed in accordance with the agreed upon legislative map or its amendment to ensure the advancement of sustainable development, improve the performance of public facilities, proceed with public reform, combat aspects of corruption, and confirm the avoidance of the practice of Any types of abhorrent racial discrimination by the authorities against the citizens of Kuwait, and to work according to the rules of justice and equality between them in order to achieve the desired reconciliation and implement the recommendations of the Human Rights Council regarding the discussion of the comprehensive periodic report of Kuwait and to achieve the desired well-being for all the people and then contribute to the establishment of security in The Gulf region and the region and achieving international peace and security.

And to ensure that all rights stipulated in its Constitution and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights are respected and guaranteed. The International Council calls for the empowerment of all individuals within the territories.

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