

**Kuwait**

The Maldives would like to welcome the distinguished delegation from Kuwait, to this 8<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR and would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them for their comprehensive and inclusive national report.

Mr. President,

The Maldives delegation warmly welcomes the establishment of numerous governmental and non-governmental institutions to promote and protect human rights in Kuwait, including the establishment of the Supreme Human Rights Committee.

The Maldives commends Kuwait for the measures it has implemented to advance and promote human rights. The Maldives notes the constitutional efforts Kuwait has demonstrated in protecting the rights of women and children and commends the Government for including human rights in the curriculum as a separate subject in secondary schools.

The Maldives welcomes the establishment of the Environment Public Authority and the Higher Council for Environment in Kuwait. Like Kuwait, the Maldives is committed to ensuring that all states enjoy a sustainable level of development, bearing in mind its effect on the environment. The Maldives also commends the positive measures Kuwait has put in place for the promotion of positive values as well as the conservation of the environment through the incorporation of environmental subjects into its educational programs.

We recommend Kuwait to continue with the positive work towards conservation and protection of environment.

Thank you.