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The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honor to refer to the letter addressed by Ms. Frances Raday Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practices from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights ref. KWT 3/2014 dated 14 November 2014.

First, the Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait would like to express its gratitude and appreciation for your interest and for all the deployed efforts in this context.

It attaches herewith a copy of the publication entitled "*Human Rights in the State of Kuwait – Fundamentals and Basis*" that draws out a broad and clear image of the situation of human rights in the State of Kuwait.

Furthermore, and with regard to the enquiries contained in your above-mentioned letter, the Permanent Mission would like to outline the following:

- 1- The Permanent Mission would be grateful if you could provide us with a copy of the "UNHCR 2014 Annual Note regarding gender equality in legal provisions in nationality laws" referred to in your letter, and especially the part concerning Kuwait.
- 2- Considering the number of information end enquiries requested in your letter, we would be grateful if you could, in conformity with the related regulations, extend the assigned delay (60 days).
- 3- Moreover in this regard, and given the varied nature of the information requested, the enquiries contained in your letter have to be dispatched to the different authorities and ministries concerned in the State of Kuwait, i.e. the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Labor, the National Assembly, which will undoubtedly require a longer period of time in order to assemble and harmonize the various replies, and provide their translation from Arabic.

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- 4- In addition to the above, we would kindly like to draw your attention that the approaching end-of-year holidays further outlines the necessity of extending the assigned delay.
- 5- Notwithstanding, the Permanent Mission has immediately forwarded your letter to the competent authorities in the State of Kuwait with a prospect of obtaining the replies within the assigned period indicated in your letter.
However, we still stand on our previous observations.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations Office in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and practices from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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