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The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and has the honor to refer to the reply letters addressed by the Permanent Mission of Kuwait to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (ref. M 190/2018 dated 29 March 2018 and M 211/2018 dated 1st May 2018) containing a number of replies, clarifications and information on the joint queries brought forward by the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression, and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, in their note ref. AL KWT 1/2018 dated 28 March 2018.

In this regard, we are happy to provide you herewith with further replies containing additional information on the queries of the special rapporteurs. Kindly note that these information have been submitted to us by the Public Prosecutor's Office in the State of Kuwait, and should therefore be considered as complementary to all information that has already been provided in our two above-mentioned letters (M 190/2018 dated 29 March 2018 and M 211/2018 dated 1st May 2018).

Also find enclosed herewith a copy of the appeal judgment detailing the facts of the case, as well as the specific charges ascribed to the accused, the various corroborating evidence against them, the legal provisions the court has used as basis for its ruling, the content of the defense plea, and the reasons on the basis of which the court has exercised its judicial power.

The said judgement also sets out all details confirming that the case has been tried in a fair and public hearing before an independent and impartial court; that the right to litigation has been guaranteed at all stages; that all the accused were present during the trial; that all legal requirements for justice were applied, namely providing counsel, insuring an open trial, giving access to the right to litigation at all stages, providing all legal and constitutional guarantees, giving access to hearing witnesses and sitting through their defense until its conclusion.

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In this regard, the details and indications provided in the said appeal judgment should also be considered as complementary to all information that has already been submitted in our two above-mentioned letters (M 190/2018 dated 29 March 2018 and M 211/2018 dated 1st May 2018), as well as to those contained in the present one.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations Office in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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