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The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait to the United Nations Office in Geneva presents its compliments to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights / Special Procedures Branch, and would like to refer to the Joint Communication from Special Procedures ref. AL KWT 1/2020 dated 19 June 2020, sent by the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences; the Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises; the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants; the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy; the Special Rapporteur on the sale and sexual exploitation of children, including child prostitution, child pornography and other child sexual abuse material; the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences; and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls; and to refer also to our note verbale ref. M 213/2020 dated 22 June 2020 in which we have requested a one month extension of the submission deadline.

In this regard, we would like to clarify the following, thanking you in advance for taking it into thorough consideration:

1- We shall provide all requested information and clarifications on the queries contained in your above-mentioned letter, in a timely manner.

2- We hereby confirm that measures have indeed been taken by the Government of the State of Kuwait in order to provide protection from law violations and abuses, and their reoccurrence, as well as to ensure accountability for their perpetrators. We will provide details of these measures in our coming timely reply in this regard.

3- With regards to the press release to be probably issued in the near future, as mentioned in your above-mentioned letter, we would like to express our conviction that this measure will be undoubtedly counter-productive, as it will be viewed as unduly derogatory for the producer of the documentary and the BBC, and will serve no effective political purpose, not to mention that it will most probably have an adverse impact on future collaboration between the concerned parties.

On this basis, we will greatly appreciate it if you could consider renouncing to resort to this publication as to avoid any negative repercussions, which is the common goal that all parties involved pursue.

At the same time, we would like to seize this opportunity to re-affirm the terms of HRC resolution 24/7 dated 26 September 2013 which states, namely, to give due consideration to

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information provided by the States, and to stress the importance of the terms of the *Code of Conduct for Special Procedures Mandate-holders of the Human Rights Council* (5/2), stipulating namely the « centrality of the notions of impartiality and objectivity » ; the « fair and impartial [methods of work] » in paragraph (g) ; the notions of « objectivity and non-selectivity » in paragraph (d); and the terms of paragraph (a), (f) and (h) of article (3) on the General principles of conduct; as well as paragraph (a) of article (6), paragraph (d) of article (8) and paragraph (d) of article (9).

4- In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our full cooperation and further confirm our complete readiness and willingness to clarify all queries contained in your above-mentioned joint communication, in the set deadline.

The Permanent Mission of the State of Kuwait avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights / Special Procedures Branch, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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