

**Mandate of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice**

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Excellency,

I have the honour to address you in my capacity as Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 23/7.

On behalf of the Working Group, I would like to thank you for your response of 23 March 2015 by which the Working Group received additional information on the domestic legal provisions relating to gender equality in nationality laws.

The Working Group appreciates the information that your Excellency's Government provided and welcomes the amendments introduced by Act N. 70/1966 which allowed Kuwaiti women to pass their nationality to their children if the foreign husband divorces, leaves them or dies.

Yet despite these amendments, the Working Group understands that Kuwaiti women are still not allowed, like Kuwaiti men, to pass their nationality to their children in all circumstances. In this regard the nationality legislation remains discriminatory towards women in the Working Group's view.

The Working Group also appreciates the detailed information it received on women's participation in political and public life and in economic and social life which are two thematic priorities the Working Group focused on during the first three years of its mandate. The Working Group would like to encourage your Excellency's Government to continue following closely the thematic work of the Group which, this year and the next, will revolve around women's participation in family and cultural life and in health and safety matters.

The Working Group would wish to continue this dialogue with your Excellency's Government and would appreciate receiving a response within 60 days.

Your Excellency's Government's response will be made available in a report to be presented to the Human Rights Council for its consideration.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Emna Aouij

Chairperson-Rapporteur of the Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice