

ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KUWAIT

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- Kuwait has issued a standing invitation to the special procedures but the last visit of a special rapporteur dates back to 1996. Does the Government of Kuwait intend to respond positively to the requests from the special rapporteur on freedom of expression and the special rapporteur on modern forms of slavery to visit the country?
- Does the Government of Kuwait intend to ratify the Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and the Optional Protocol to the CAT?
- Does the Government of Kuwait intend to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court?
- Is the Government of Kuwait considering to ratify the Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons?
- Is the Government of Kuwait considering accepting the individual complaints procedure under the human rights conventions to which it is already a State party?
- Which measures is the Government of Kuwait taking to provide a solution for the question of the nationality of the *Bidoun* in conformity with international standards?
- Which measures is the Government of Kuwait considering to eliminate all forms of discrimination against the *Bidoun*, especially in the field of education?
- What steps is the Government of Kuwait undertaking to improve the working and living conditions of migrant workers?
- Is the Government of Kuwait considering to reinstate a *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty?
- Will the Government of Kuwait develop systems to take into account the best interests of the child at all stages in criminal proceedings concerning their parent, in particular when sentencing the parent, including in possible death penalty cases?
- What follow-up has the Government of Kuwait given to the recommendations of several treaty bodies to review the Nationality Act to ensure equality between women and men with regard to the acquisition, change and retention of nationality?
- Which steps has the Government of Kuwait taken to follow-up the recommendation of CEDAW to raise the legal minimum age of marriage to 18 for both men and women?
- What follow-up has the Government of Kuwait given to the recommendation of CEDAW

to adopt specific legislation to criminalize acts of domestic and sexual violence?

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- What steps is the Kuwaiti Government taking to ensure that concerns over defamation of religion, slander and libel don't undermine the guarantee of freedom of expression that is already contained in Kuwait's constitution, specifically in relation to social media usage, journalists, and human rights defenders?
- How does Kuwait respond to international concern about gender discrimination in its nationality law, specifically Kuwaiti women's rights to transfer nationality to their children, and when will this law be amended?
- There have been reports that arrested and detained stateless individuals in Kuwait are habitually mistreated. What measures is Kuwait taking to investigate such allegations in a transparent and impartial manner and when will the results of such an investigation be released?
- In 2014, the authorities stripped 33 Kuwaitis of their nationality, several of whom had links to opposition groups. What is the country's response to the allegations that these citizenship revocations were for political reasons?
- Does Kuwait plan on returning to a de facto moratorium on all death sentences?