

## **ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KUWAIT – ADD.1**

### **CZECH REPUBLIC**

- What measures does Kuwait plan to take to ensure protection of human rights of the Bidoon population?
- Does the Government consider reviewing laws that could be abused to criminalize freedom of expression and people expressing dissenting views, in particular articles 25 and 111 of the Penal Code? How does the Government ensure protection of human rights defenders and journalists against persecution and harassment?
- Could the Government elaborate on steps taken to increase protection of women against violence and to ensure access of victims to justice as well as effective investigation and punishment of perpetrators of such violence?
- Would the Government consider establishing a de facto moratorium on executions with a view to abolishing the death penalty?

### **NETHERLANDS**

#### **Freedom of expression**

1. What concrete steps has the Government of Kuwait taken to ensure that freedoms of expression, association and assembly are fully guaranteed?
2. Will the government conduct a review of the implementation of the Unified Media Law and the Government decision of October 2012 to declare public assemblies of more than 20 persons illegal?

#### **LGBTI**

3. Does the Government of Kuwait envisage abolishing the ‘imitating the opposite sex’ law (2007) by aligning its legislation with the constitutional guarantees of personal autonomy and individual rights?

#### **Domestic female workers**

4. In what way does the Government of Kuwait conceive improving labor law protection and what legal and social measures does the government take to protect foreign domestic female workers?

#### **Stateless**

5. Could the Government of Kuwait provide a further update on the measures described in para 68 of the National Report, taken in order to protect the stateless (bidoon), especially

children and women, who often find themselves in a situation of a greater vulnerability in particular concerning access to justice, education, employment, and health services?

## **SPAIN**

- When will Kuwait ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC signed on 8 September 2000?
- Will Kuwait ratify the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights?

## **SWEDEN**

- How does Kuwait intend to continue the further advancement of women on all levels of society?
- How will Kuwait ensure that its international obligations with regard to freedom of opinion and expression as reflected in the Kuwaiti constitution, including the Internet, is respected?
- Does Kuwait have any plans on restraining a *de facto* moratorium on the death penalty?
- Does Kuwait have any plans on ratifying the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court within the near future?