

Indian Council of South America

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Universal Periodic Review
Item 6 Kuwait
Ambassador Ronald Barnes

Thank you Mr. Chair,

The Indian Council of South America warmly greets the Delegation of Kuwait and gives our congratulations for the cooperation and completion of your second Universal Periodic Review.

Kuwait is to be commended for the humanitarian assistance to developing countries, UN organizations and agencies and other institutions; this was highlighted by Secretary General Banki Moon.

Continue the worthy effort to advance the life of women in society by examining the laws to promote their equality in the workforce and by placing them in position of influence in public debate and decision making power in government.

Improve the situation of the Bidouns by moving toward ratifying the Conventions relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol: the Status of Stateless Persons and the Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

Continue to develop your human rights by working with the Special Procedures and by developing the human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles with the participation of Civil Society. Continue to work with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of opinion and expression and invite other independent experts and Special Procedures to address human rights issues.

Move toward reviewing juvenile justice system in line with international standards.

As with all other countries, we always call upon Kuwait to assist in convening a conference on the issue of the death penalty to allow this issue to be discussed openly.

I thank you Mr. Chair.