



# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL SUPPORTING FAIR TRIAL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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**Mr. President of the European Union**

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As Human Rights activists, we have observed the visit of a human rights delegation from the Security Council to the State of Kuwait this week. The delegation visited a number of Kuwaiti HR institutions, including, but not limited to, the National Human Rights Office. The delegation also met with the President of the Kuwaiti Parliament, Mr. Marzouk Ali Al Ghanem. However, the official Kuwaiti news agency reported that the European Parliament commends the human rights record in Kuwait and describes it as "among the best in the region." In fact, this cannot be accepted in whole. According to the news, the comparison can never be considered fair; the bad cannot be compared to the worst that is on the first hand.

On the other hand, we would have liked the delegation to have worked hard to meet with a number of legal activists, primarily our official representative in the State of Kuwait and the Gulf States, the International Legal Adviser, Mr. Anwar Al-Rashid, as well as the lawyer Hani Hussein, who has rights links to which Al-Qassi and Al-Dani testify.

In this context, we inform you that more than eight centuries of imprisonment have been imposed on opinion-makers and politicians. Mr. President, we are fully confident and we have no doubt that you will be shocked by this figure, which is true, as we have observed from the Kuwaiti courts. It is worth mentioning that these judicial decisions are contrary to article 36 of the Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, signed and ratified by the State of Kuwait in April 1996. However, the Kuwaiti government had never been committed to these laws and international agreements.

In addition, a large number of Kuwaiti refugees have had asylum to several western countries as a result of prison sentences imposed on them because of issues of opinion,

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essentially contrary to their values of freedom and democracy. Additionally, your delegation has not been informed of the 302 recommendations of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, four of which relate to freedoms. The Human Rights Council called on the Government of the State of Kuwait to amend the laws restricting freedoms after the comprehensive periodic review of Kuwait on 17 January 2020. However, the government of Kuwait assured the Human Rights Council in July 2020 that it had taken note of the recommendations on freedoms, but to date had not amended the laws and that Kuwaiti courts continued to rule under those unconstitutional and unconstitutional laws. Mr. President, the most important thing is noting that the State of Kuwait, or those interviewed by the delegation, has not offered any practical and realistic solutions in line with international humanitarian law and international resolutions in the "Bedoun" issue. These people are deliberately marginalized and robbed of their human rights, and as a group in Kuwaiti society today account for about 10% of the Kuwaiti population. The "Bedoun" constitute the third and fourth generation of this group, nearly seven decades old, and there is no hope on the part of the State that their situation will be resolved with a decent human livelihood.

Mr. President,

We believe that the legal delegation of the Security Council has been subjected to a systematic misinformation of the situation. We in ICSFT are fully prepared to meet you and the delegation that visited the State of Kuwait. We will provide you with all the evidence and with the judgement of the Kuwaiti courts that the freedoms in Kuwait are being widely violated. Here, we would like to point out that the best evidence of this is that the State of Kuwait has released all the countries of the world to the prison of tweets, opinion-makers and politicians.

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