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ICSFT denounces the invitation of the Chairman of the "Twitter is not a crime" campaign to appear before the Kuwaiti Public Prosecutor's Office

Today, we heard a shocking decision by the Kuwaiti Public Prosecutor's Office to invite the head of the "Twitter is not a crime" campaign, human rights adviser Anwar Rashid, to appear before it, in preparation for filing a complaint against him before the Kuwaiti court for a "tweet".

Mr. AlRashid is a human rights activist in Kuwait and the world, and is the ICSFT representative in Kuwait and Gulf states. He also has a long history in human rights related activities and in the advocacy of human rights and all issues affecting freedom of opinion and expression...

ICSFT views this decision as a dangerous precedent and an unprecedented encroachment on the rights of activists, jurists and representatives of international civil society organizations, to be treated as other persecutors and victims of abuses and abuses by the Kuwaiti authorities.

ICSFT demands that the Kuwaiti authorities desist from prosecuting activists, jurists and expatriates and all those who exercise their rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Kuwaiti Constitution. In addition, the right to express one's opinion without being subjected to the minimum level of harassment is guaranteed to all Kuwaiti people.

ICSFT also calls upon the Kuwaiti authorities to address the matter immediately and to rescind the complaint submitted by the Ministry of Information against the human rights activist, Adviser Anwar Al-Rashid, as it is incompatible with their international human rights obligations and commitments. ICSFT also calls upon the relevant stakeholders of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva to take note of this, follow up the matter and intervene with the Kuwaiti authorities to halt these violations.