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Excellency,

In my capacity as Special Rapporteur for Follow-up to Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee, I have the honour to refer to the follow-up to the examination of the second periodic report of Kuwait at the 103<sup>th</sup> session, held in October 2011.

At the end of that session, the Committee's concluding observations were transmitted to your Permanent Mission. You may recall that, in paragraph 33 of the concluding observations, the Committee requested the State party to provide within one year further information on the specific areas of concern identified in paragraphs 18, 19 and 25 of the concluding observations.

On 27 April 2012, the Committee received the first follow-up report of the State party, which was analysed at the 106<sup>th</sup> session, in October 2012. On 6 April 2013, the Committee received the second follow-up report of the State party. The Committee analysed this information at its 109<sup>th</sup> session in October 2013, and adopted the following decisions:

- Paragraph 18: [C1] The Committee considered that the recommendation has not yet been implemented, and the State party's reply does not provide new information with regard to the creation of the general authority. The Committee considered it necessary to request additional information on the expected timeline for the creation of the authority mentioned in accordance with Act No. 6/2010, and on measures taken by the authority to "eliminate the negative aspects of the sponsorship system" since the adoption of the Committee's concluding observations.
- Paragraph 19: [B1] The Committee noted that the State party has made substantial progress in implementing the recommendation contained in paragraph 19, but additional information is required about the application of the new law adopted.

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- Paragraph 25: [E] The Committee noted that the exercise of the freedom of expression has become more of a concern since the last review. It also noted that the State party has not withdrawn from its previous stand that the freedom of expression falls outside the mandate of the Ministry of Interior, with a resulting lack of reply on the implementation of paragraph 25 of the Committee's concluding observations. It further has not provided any information on measures taken to comply with paragraph 25. The Committee considered that the State party has not provided any information on measures taken to comply with paragraph 25 and decided not to request additional information from the State party on the implementation of paragraph 25.

During the 110<sup>th</sup> session of the Committee, held in Geneva in March 2014, the Committee noted that information sought by the Committee had not yet been provided. Therefore, I write to request that the above-mentioned additional information be submitted at Your Government's earliest convenience.

The next follow-up report of the Human Rights Committee will be adopted in October 2014. If the State party wishes the information referred to be taken into account on that occasion, the reply should be sent in a Word electronic version to the Secretariat of the Human Rights Committee by **5 August 2014** (Kate Fox: [kfox@ohchr.org](mailto:kfox@ohchr.org) and Fernanda Santana: [fsantana@ohchr.org](mailto:fsantana@ohchr.org)).

The Committee looks forward to pursuing its constructive dialogue with the authorities of Kuwait on the implementation of the Covenant.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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