

**State of Kuwait**

**Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha)**

**Speech by**

**His Excellency President of Nazaha**

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In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

**Mr. President...**

**Distinguished Heads and Members of Delegations,**

**May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.**

At the outset, and on behalf of the Kuwaiti delegation, I would like to present my utmost thanks and gratitude to the President and members of the Bureau of the ninth session of the Conference of State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), as well as the secretariat and working groups for their distinguished efforts in implementing the UNCAC and promoting international cooperation.

I also wish to congratulate the President and members of the Bureau of the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties (COSP10) to the UNCAC and to wish them success in the conduct of proceedings.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We are convening today for the tenth session of the Conference of State Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, at a time when the world is grappling with immense disasters. While the world is still recovering from the impacts of Covid-19, wars have erupted in various parts of the globe. These wars have claimed the lives of innocent civilians, leading to destructive catastrophes and humanitarian crises. In Palestine, our brothers are facing death and displacement, lacking even the basic necessities of life, such as food, water, and electricity.

From this platform, we call upon the international community to fulfill its responsibilities and support all efforts aimed at ending this aggression that continuously violates international and humanitarian laws. This aggression has resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives. We also emphasize the urgent need to provide more humanitarian aid to Gaza and to continue all efforts to definitively halt this war, with the aim of achieving a permanent and sustainable solution.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

The State of Kuwait is constantly endeavoring to develop its national legislation, regulations, and procedures to ensure full compliance with the UNCAC and other international conventions, including the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

Since COSP9, the State of Kuwait has continued to enhance its national systems for preventing and combating corruption. In addition to the existing legislation and regulatory frameworks. The State of Kuwait has introduced new legislation addressing the prohibition and prevention of conflicts of interest. Furthermore, a legislative amendment to the Penal Code has been enacted, expanding the scope of criminal liability for legal persons in corruption offenses. The State of Kuwait has also introduced advanced legislation that governs elections for members of the National Assembly, establishes the General Electoral Commission, and identifies offenses in elections. Moreover, the State of Kuwait has passed special legislation on disclosing beneficial owners, thereby ensuring compliance with the necessary regulations for overseeing beneficial ownership.

The State of Kuwait remains dedicated to developing its strategic policies in anticorruption. It has issued its National Strategy for Combating the Laundering and Financing of Terrorism (2022-2027), in line with the recommendations and standards of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). Additionally, the State of Kuwait is committed to implementing the Kuwait Integrity and Anti-Corruption Strategy (2019-2024), while planning for upcoming anti-corruption national strategy. The subsequent strategy is taking into account the international and national developments in the prevention and combating of corruption, specifically, the implementation of the Marrakesh Declaration, Abu Dhabi Declaration, Sharm el-Sheikh Declaration, and the UNGASS 2021 Political Declaration.

In conclusion, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and respect to all the ladies and gentlemen present for their listening. I wish everyone ongoing success and fulfillment.

**May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you.**