

State of Kuwait

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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, I would like to present my utmost thanks and gratitude to the President and members of the Bureau of the seventh session of the Conference of State Parties to the UNCAC and its Secretariat for their distinguished efforts in managing, organizing, and following-up with this esteemed conference productively and efficiently.

I also express my sincere congratulations to the President and members of the Bureau in charge of the eighth session. I pray to Allah Almighty to grant them success in organizing the activities and work of the conference

Further, on behalf of myself and our delegation, I have the pleasure to express our happiness and pride for visiting the beloved United Arab Emirates. We extend our utmost thanks and appreciation to the leadership, government, and people of the Emirates for their warm reception, generosity, and excellent organization.

Mr. President, Distinguished Audience,

The State of Kuwait aspires for more cooperation with regional and international organizations. It believes that the goals of the international community will not be realized unless we work together in creating a world of peace, progress, stability, and sustainable development.

The State of Kuwait has undertaken remarkable efforts for many years in anticorruption, the most notable being the launch its first Integrity and Anticorruption Strategy, which reflects the keenness of the State to ensure realistic and technical mechanisms and plans for combatting corruption and the optimal implementation of the UNCAC.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Audience,

In a relevant context, Nazaha follows clear mechanisms and specific procedures to facilitate the submission and examination of whistleblower reports against corruption crimes and take legal action in a timely manner. Hence, the reception of whistleblower reports on corruption incidents and the monitoring of such incidents on the news and social media are considered among the main pillars of Nazaha's work.

Moreover, the reception and examination of asset declarations is a significant component of the State of Kuwait's efforts in enhancing integrity, transparency, and accountability. The State of Kuwait's experience is in fact unique on the regional level, especially that the officials required to declare their assets include the heads of the State's three constitutional authorities starting from executive leaders to department directors.

With regards to enhancing integrity and anticorruption in society, Nazaha conducts various activities in preventing corruption and raising awareness of its causes and dangers, from conducting research and studies on anticorruption, integrity and transparency to cooperating with international and local partners, media platforms, educational institutions, places of worship, and civil society organizations to create the proper social, economic, and political environment for the achievement of sustainable development plans and Kuwait Vision 2035.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Distinguished Audience,

Truthfully, the State of Kuwait is committed to engaging with the conference, its Secretariat and intergovernmental working groups, whether through the participation in relevant activities or the implementation of the conference resolutions and adoption of the international recommendations on anticorruption.

To conclude my speech, I would like to thank the ladies and gentlemen the distinguished audience for their attention, praying to Allah Almighty to bestow our States with prosperity, security, progress, and stability.

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