**ADVANCE QUESTIONS TO KUWAIT (THIRD BATCH)**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

* The United States is concerned about the significant restrictions on freedom of association and collective bargaining. What plans does the Government of Kuwait have to enact legislation that protects workers’ right to strike and revises the requirements for the formation of independent unions?
* The United States is concerned that human rights activists, including women’s rights activists and Bidoon activists, and non-citizen residents – including stateless persons – continue to face severe restrictions on their fundamental freedoms of association, peaceful assembly, and expression, as well as threats and harassment. What steps are the Government of Kuwait taking to implement recommendations from the previous UPR cycle to guarantee the fundamental freedoms of journalists, human rights activists, and others, including stateless persons, who take part in peaceful demonstrations?
* The United States is concerned about forced labor issues, in particular with respect to foreign workers. What steps will the Government of Kuwait take to address complaints related to false hiring practices, nonpayment of wages, withholding of passports, excessive working hours, unacceptable conditions of work, and the sponsorship (or *kefala*) system?
* The United States is concerned about continued restrictions on the Bidoon community, for whom obtaining identity documentation to permit access to employment and basic services remains difficult. How will the Government of Kuwait better address the needs and status of the Bidoon population?