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In the Name of Allah, The Merciful, The Compassionate

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, it is my honour to extend to you , in the name of the State of Kuwait our thanks for the continued efforts you exert through your chairmanship of this Committee. Here, I cannot but also thank the Secretary-General on his annual report, that he has prepared about strengthening the activities of the United Nations in the field of the Rule of Law at the national and international levels (document A/67/720) for the Committee and its works.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait, attaches a great deal of importance to strengthening the rule of law at the national and international levels, and welcomes what is contained in the report of the Secretary-General, while affirming the need to work on and adhere to, what is contained in the report, to guarantee the strengthening of the rule of law, as well as the adherence of the member states and the main bodies of the United Nations to implement the Charter of the United Nations and its principles, as well as international law.

The Secretary-General has touched on the subject of the rule of law, as a principle for governance, wherein the people and the institutions are equal before the law, and seek judgment from to an independent judiciary. These standards and international norms are in accordance to the principles of the rule of law and equality before the law. In this framework, the State of Kuwait affirms the need to work according to what is contained in the report of Secretary-General to guarantee that the international community enjoys international peace and security, and to achieve the justice that leads to the comprehensive and sustainable development for all, as well as the economic growth and the elimination of poverty and hunger.

Therefore, the State of Kuwait welcomes the adoption by the Member States of the declaration of the High-level Meeting on the rule of Law at the National and International Levels, whereby the State reiterated their adherence to the purposes of the United Nations Charter as well as laying, the foundations of an international order that is built on the basis of the rule of law.

Mr. Chairman,

In this regard, the State of Kuwait enjoys at the local level a constitutional democratic system, which provides that the nation is the source of the legislative, executive and judicial authorities. Everyone is subject to this system, since it guarantees everyone their rights and their responsibilities, and embodies the respect of the rule of law its in separation between the three authorities, and their duty to cooperate with one another. The system also guarantees that there is no discrimination between the individuals in their rights nor in their duties, or their enjoyment of freedom and equality, in addition to their freedom to form syndicates and professional associates that the local laws regulate their work.

Mr. Chairman,

In the coming month of November, the State of Kuwait will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the issuance of its Constitution, which is considered one of the most outstanding accomplishments of the State of Kuwait in consolidating democracy and the rule of law. Therefore, the State of Kuwait supports the efforts of the United Nations in assisting laying down and building constitutions, as well as any equivalent foundations that are necessary for any state that is built on the basis of the respect for the rule of law. The formulation of a constitution in a sound manner leads to a peaceful process of political transformation, helps in peace building and prevents the eruption of conflicts, particularly after the enormous political transformation and the Arab Spring that have caused changes in leadership in the Middle East and North Africa, by way of revolutions that affirmed that the authority belongs to the people, and no authority is above the law. Therefore, those countries placed constitutional reforms on the top of their priorities to guarantee the rights of the people and the supremacy of the law.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait emphasizes the importance of respecting the Charter of the United Nations and international law, since they are two main pillars in repelling the challenges and the threats that the international community faces.

The State of Kuwait also acknowledges that human rights and the fundamental freedoms of the individual should be protected, likewise, the right of peoples to self determination, and the equality among everyone without discrimination.

Mr. Chairman,

From this premise, the Arab (Palestinian-Israeli) conflict, is considered one of the most prominent cases of violations of international law and international humanitarian law for more than 60 years. Although, it threatens international peace and security in the Middle East, yet the United Nations have not found a solution to this pivotal issue, which led to its further complication, and made Israel persist in its expansion and settlement policies, as well as in its aggression against the Palestinian people through violence and killing, and imposing a blockade on Gaza, without a minimum level of responsibility or consideration to human rights.

Therefore, the State of Kuwait supports the efforts that aim to achieve peace and stability in the area, as well as its support of the endeavours of the Palestinian Authority to gain full membership in the United Nations, according to international resolutions and initiatives.

The State of Kuwait hold the international community responsible for the killing of civilians, including women and children that is going on in Syria. The State of Kuwait calls upon the United Nations to issue promptly international resolutions to stop the bleeding, that is costing the lives of innocent people, while assuring that there is no immunity to those perpetrating those crimes, in consolidation of the rule of law.

In this regard, the State of Kuwait emphasizes the need to resort to the international judicial mechanisms for the peaceful settlement of conflicts, without the use of force, nor the threat of the use of force, and demands that the international community to multiply its efforts to provide the needed humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of the Syrian people inside, as well as outside Syria.