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His Highness The Prime Minister  
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**STATEMENT OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT**

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In the Name of Allah – The Merciful – The Compassionate

Mr. President  
Your Majesties, Highnesses and Excellencies  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allah be upon you

It pleases me at the outset, to extend in the name of the Government and people of the State of Kuwait, our sincere congratulations to you and to your friendly country, the Kingdom of Denmark, on your election as President of the 70<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly. We are certain that your vast experience in political work will enable you to conduct the deliberations of this session wisely and ably, and wish you success in this endeavour.

We also note with praise the successful manner with which your predecessor, His Excellency Mr. Sam Kutesa, conducted the deliberations during his presidency of the previous session.

In this regard, I also would like to pay tribute to the tremendous efforts exerted by H.E. the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. BAN Ki-moon, in leading this Organization, in accordance with visions and ideas, derived from the principles and purposes of the Charter, to maintain international peace and security, and at the same time aim to achieve its goals in a sustainable manner, by confronting all kinds of risks and challenges engulfing the world.

Mr. President,

Once again we express our most sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the sisterly Kingdom of Saudi Arabia over the stampede accident which occurred at Mina, during the Hajj season, resulting in numerous deaths and



injuries. While we pray to the Almighty to accept the victims in His grace and grant them eternal peace, as well as solice and fortitude for their families, we also pray for the speedy recovery of those injured.

We note with appreciation and gratitude the enormous human and material efforts that the King, Government and people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia exert to streamline and facilitate the duty of Hajj every year, to ensure the comfort of the pilgrims.

Mr. President,

The international community celebrates seventy years of giving by this inveterate leading world Organization, during which it worked on creating a world in which mankind can enjoy security and peace, under historical conditions marked by exceptional circumstances wherein the frequency of the political, economic, social and humanitarian challenges in the world have increased, where the United Nations continued in its giving, according to the aims and objectives of its Charter, in order to surmount these growing challenges and confronting them by creative means; which have mostly become historical experiences to be taught to future generations, with the aim of clarifying the importance and inevitability of international cooperation and the capability of the United Nations in continuing its unlimited giving to the peoples and countries of the world.

One of the most outstanding milestones in the path to success of the United Nations is embodied in the adoption of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals, which is considered an extension of the international community's efforts based on the fundamental rules stemming from the Millennium Development Goals, that have achieved their noble purposes, wherein the United Nations had surpassed the relative goals in confronting challenges, proceeded to accomplish purposes that are comprehensive in nature and radical solutions, in a manner that makes man their main focus, such as the determination to totally eliminate poverty in its multiple forms, ensuring that all human beings enjoy equal rights in dignity, education, and health, in addition to political participation, gender equality, empowering youth and addressing environmental degradation.

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In this regard, the State of Kuwait affirms that it will spare no effort in participating effectively in a framework of an international partnership to fully implement the Sustainable Development Goals for the next fifteen years, stemming from Kuwait's firm belief in the Charter of the United Nations, and in support of the role of this inveterate world Organization, and also it shall continue its giving in appreciation and gratitude for bestowing upon His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait, a Certificate of Appreciation by the Secretary-General as "A Humanitarian Leader", which is tantamount to a medal of honor, for the outstanding and vital role of the leadership, government and people of the State of Kuwait in saving the lives of millions of people, since Kuwait occupies the first place in providing humanitarian assistance on a global level, as a ratio of its Gross National Income, the highest percentage provided by donor states, according to the 2014 "Global Humanitarian Assistance Report", published by the "Development Initiative Organization." Furthermore, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, continues its leading role in providing development assistance to developing countries, without regard to geographical locations, religious beliefs or nationality, as more than 100 countries, in all parts of the world have benefited from the Fund's projects, in an amount exceeding \$18 billion, since its establishment in 1961.

The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development shall continue to provide loans and development programs within the program of its operations and according to its own resources for the coming fifteen years, including the amount of \$15 billion to meet the entitlements and requirements of sustainable development.

Mr. President,

The importance of undertaking the necessary efforts and actions by the international community to consolidate and promote the existence of peaceful societies, based on the foundations of justice and freedom from all manifestations of violence and radicalism, is undoubtedly, a confirmation of the principle, that there can be no sustainable development without security, and no security without sustainable development.



The proliferation of conflicts and civil wars, the emergence of manifestations of violence and the dangers of radicalism and terrorism, present in our world today, with multiple causes and diverse means in a number of countries, the majority of which are in the region of the Middle East, have increased the inevitability for the international community to stand up to these challenges that threaten international peace and security, address their causes, and to dry up the resources that feed them, due to the fact that civilians are the majority of their victims.

The Republic of Yemen and its brotherly people face serious challenges due to the intransigence of the Houthie militias, their insistence on breaching their commitments, and threatening the security and stability of our region and our countries, which required taking action to support the legitimacy of Yemen, and achieve peace and stability.

Here, we would like to emphasize the need for implementing relevant Security Council resolutions, especially resolution 2216, and cooperation with the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen in this regard.

Under such conditions, the State of Kuwait did not ignore the humanitarian needs of the Yemeni people, it announced upon instructions from His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Jaber Al Sabah, the Amir of the State of Kuwait the donation of \$100 million, to meet those needs.

As the disaster in Syria enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year, and the aggravated humanitarian suffering is overwhelming the other multiple scenes of the crisis. The numbers of dead and injured are multiplying, and the numbers of the refugees and the displaced inside and outside are constantly increasing.

In view of the aforementioned, the State of Kuwait reiterate its firm and principled position, that the solution of this disaster, can only be achieved through political peaceful means, away from other solutions where the brothers in Syria will pay their price.

In this regard, we welcome the endeavours of the United Nations and those of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Syria, Mr. Staffan Di



Mistura that aim to mobilize and push efforts towards implementing the 2012 Geneva Communique number (1).

Within the framework of supporting the international endeavours and efforts to alleviate the humanitarian suffering in Syria, the State of Kuwait, has hosted, since 2013, three consecutive international donor conferences to support the humanitarian efforts in Syria. The declared pledges in those three conferences amounted to about 7.15 billion US Dollars, of which the State of Kuwait contributed 1.3 billion dollars, the bulk of which was delivered to the United Nations specialized agencies, and other governmental and non-governmental organizations concerned with humanitarian affairs. The remainder of these contributions were distributed through local charitable institutions working in the humanitarian and development fields.

As for the Libyan issue, we follow with great interest the agreement announced by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Libya in the Moroccan City of Skhirat, to form a national consensus government that would put an end to the fighting. We look forward for the brothers in Libya to react in a positive manner to this initiative, so that they can stop the bloodshed and maintain the sovereignty and territorial integrity of their homeland and restore security and stability throughout Libya.

Mr. President,

Our region faces exceptionally delicate dangers that threaten its security and stability, as a result of the phenomenon of terrorism and violence, which has made Islam its slogan to commit its criminal acts rejected by all divine religions.

The brutal crimes committed by the so called "Daesh", spreading death and destruction, particularly in Iraq and Syria, constitute a threat to international peace and security, that required the formation of an international coalition to confront it in which the State of Kuwait took part by providing logistic support.



The practices of that rogue group extended to the State of Kuwait, committing a cowardly terrorist act targeting a mosque, during the holy month of Ramadan, that killed and injured a number of our citizens.

The national unity and cohesion between the people and the leadership of Kuwait, made those who wish them ill, miss the opportunity, thus reaffirming their long honorable national history that have witnessed floods of sacrifices for the sake of the unity and stability of the State of Kuwait.

In the Humanitarian field of the confrontation, the State of Kuwait responded to the humanitarian needs of the Iraqi people, wherein it announced the donation of \$200 million to assist the Iraqi brothers and alleviate their suffering caused by the brutal practices of this terrorist group. Currently work is ongoing on the disbursement of this amount with the competent parties in Iraq and international organizations. Here we reaffirm our support to all the measures that the Iraqi Government takes to preserve the security and stability of Iraq, as well as its territorial integrity.

In this regard, the State of Kuwait reiterates its firm and principled positions rejecting all forms of terrorism, radicalization and intolerance, regardless of their causes or motives and whatever their sources or the identity of their perpetrators are, and stresses that promoting the culture of tolerance and coexistence among peoples and nations, are among the top priorities in the approach it follows in its internal and external policies derived from the tolerant Islamic Sharia'a, and from the importance it attaches to keeping development, security and human rights integrated to reach the concerned universal strategy to combat terrorism, which aim to achieve international peace and security.

Mr. President,

The international and regional efforts that seek to lay the foundations of peace in the Middle East face many impediments, as a result of Israel's intransigence, which continues its illegal expansionist policies, by building illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian territory, and the detention of thousands of



Palestinians in its detention centers, as well as the continuation of its repeated aggressions, including the one on Gaza during the past year, that has left unprecedented distinction and losses in life and property. This is in addition to its continued imposition of an illegal and inhuman siege on Gaza, and the escalation of its attacks on AlAqsa Mosque and the Muslims there, in violation of all humanitarian standards, international laws relevant Security Council resolutions, which makes it imperative for the United Nations and the Security Council to carry out their responsibilities, and continue to pressure and move seriously on all levels to compel Israel to accept the resolutions of international legitimacy, grant the Palestinian people their legitimate political rights, and recognize their independent state over their territory, with East Jerusalem as its capital, on the borders of 4 June 1967, according to the principle of land for peace, the Roadmap and the Arab Peace Initiative.

In the same regional framework, the State of Kuwait welcomes Security Council resolution 2231, which adopted the comprehensive agreement on the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, concluded between the P5 +1 Group and the Islamic Republic of Iran, which was the result of diplomatic efforts over a number of years to address the Iranian nuclear file. The State of Kuwait hopes that the Islamic Republic of Iran will continue to cooperate and implement fully the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, as well as adhere to its responsibilities under the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and relevant Security Council resolutions, in addition to responding to the efforts of the countries of the region and their efforts to lay down the foundations of good neighbourly relations based on cooperation, mutual respect, non interference in the internal affairs and end its occupation of the three Emarati islands, all of which will contribute to reducing tensions and the prevalence of security and stability in the region.

In this context, we call upon Israel, to accede to the NPT, and subject all its nuclear facilities to the control and supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in compliance with the resolution adopted in the 1995 Review Conference of the NPT, which called for the establishment of a zone free of nuclear weapons



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In conclusion, I would like to emphasize the adherence of the State of Kuwait to the multilateral international system, as well as the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations, and its belief in the importance and necessity of exerting all efforts to ensure the continuity and giving of our inveterate Organization, through the fulfillment of all states of their obligations and responsibilities pledged in international conventions and conferences, which will contribute to finding just and fair solutions to the global threats and challenges, and attention the higher goal of the maintenance of international peace and security.

The Peace, Mercy and Blessings of Allah be upon you.