

THE SDGs AND HUMAN RIGHTS

STATUS OF UPR RECOMMENDATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS TREATIES

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KUWAIT

Universal Periodic Review Fast Facts ⁽¹⁾

- **Last Review:** 28 January 2015 (2nd Cycle); **Final Report of the Working Group:** 13 April 2015 (A/HRC/29/17)
- **Mid-Term Reporting:** July 2017
- **National Consultation:** July 2018
- **NGO Report Drafting:** March 2019 – June 2019
- **Next Review:** January 2020

Status of Core International Human Rights Conventions in Kuwait ⁽²⁾

KEY	Ratified
	Ratified with Declarations
	Ratified with Reservations
	Ratified with Reservations and Declarations
	Signed but not Ratified
	No Action
	Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment and Punishment (CAT)
	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
	Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
	Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the death penalty (CCPR-OP2-DP)
	Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (CED)
	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (CMW)

Accepted UPR Recommendations: An Opportunity for Action and Engagement

A state has a responsibility to implement all recommendations it has accepted before the Human Rights Council as a demonstration of their commitment to protecting and promoting Human Rights. Following the last Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Kuwait in January 2015 and in preparation for the next review scheduled for January 2020, Kuwait has accepted to implement several UPR recommendations. Below is a selection of supported UPR recommendations aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾



Consider taking additional steps to promote economic development and a higher standard of living.
Continue efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to developing countries.



Continue its efforts in improving its health-care system especially access for maternal, paediatric and family health services.
Ensure that industrial companies implement international and national environmental and health standards.



Provide equal access to education for all children regardless of their social and legal status.
Reduce the gaps between the genders to ensure gender equality in the area of education.
Continue its efforts to provide educational facilities for people with special needs.



Adopt a National Action Plan on Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) on Women, Peace and Security.
Strengthen the combat against violence against women, ensuring care for victims and their access to justice.
Continue to work towards closing the gender gaps and ensure gender parity in education.



Reinforce efforts aimed at improving the working and living conditions of migrant workers.



Establish an independent national human rights institution in accordance with the Paris Principles which complements the role of civil society organizations.
On gender-based violence: establish accessible reporting mechanisms and strengthen investigation and enforcement capacity.
Continue efforts to develop legal skills through training of judges.
Amend its legislation to provide special protection for children against violence, enabling them to file complaints independent of their guardians, and to provide a hotline and shelter for children who incur domestic violence.
Continue its support for the United Nations efforts to combat human trafficking.
Fully guarantee the right to freedom of expression online/offline by revising relevant laws, including by repealing arrest, trial and imprisonment of persons exercising their freedom of opinion through media and Internet.