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Thank you Chair. As said by the Special Rapporteur humanitarian crises need an international response that goes beyond the mandate of any sole agency. In Kuwait, there are tens of thousands of stateless. From this third generation, they have been in Kuwait over 40 years and their problems continue in spite of promises made by the state to your distinguished council during its UPR in 2015. This matter must be given priority attention. As for the indigenous peoples they were about 260,000 at the time of the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. However, they face another occupation because of a planned migration from Saudi Arabia. The composition of this society has changed. We believe that Kuwait was a model for a democratic state, however, unfortunately, because of Saudi instructions and because of security agreements the democracy in Kuwait is retreating. There are Saudi and Qatari agendas that are being followed in Kuwait or Oman. People are against such agendas. The only solution is to have a proper democracy within constitutional monarchy, in order for people to administer their own affairs and choose their own government. I thank you.