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**الوفد الدائم لدولة الكويت
لدى الأمم المتحدة
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STATEMENT

by HE Jamal AL-GHUNAIM

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of the State of Kuwait

to the

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Mr. President,

Given the strong relations that connect the State of Kuwait to the International Organization for Migration, the State of Kuwait has decided to adhere to the International Organization for Migration as an Observer State, with a view of consolidating the basis of its collaboration in the humanitarian work field, and exploring additional means to support the humanitarian activities undertaken by the International Organization for Migration.

Mr. President,

The ties between the State of Kuwait and the International Organization for Migration have developed at a fast and striking pace, due mainly to the sincere interest of both parties in the humanitarian work, but also to the involvement of His Highness the Emir of the State of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, and of the Director-General of the International Organization for Migration Mr. William Lacy Swing, in continuously following-up on issues of interest; besides the important role played by the Office of the International



Organization for Migration in the State of Kuwait, under the management of Mrs. Imane Uraiqat.

Mr. President,

I would like to reaffirm that the State of Kuwait, through its adherence to the International Organization for Migration as an Observer State, will commit to all IOM Member States to act, as it has always done, in the best service of all humanitarian activities, to fully support the goals set by the International Organization for Migration, to mobilize all its resources in the service of humanity, and, as outlined by the former UN Secretary-General, to live up to a reputation as a pillar of humanitarian work, and His Highness the Emir, as the Leader of the humanitarian action.

We wish you all every success.

Thank you Mr. President.