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Information submitted by the Government of the State of Kuwait in response to United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/119 on criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

I. The Kuwaiti Penal Code provides for the criminal responsibility of Kuwaiti citizens who commit crimes of a serious nature while in the employ of the United Nations on the same basis that it treats any Kuwaiti who commits a crime abroad. Law No. 16 of 1970 (the Kuwaiti Penal Code), article 16, provides that "the provisions of this Law shall also apply to any Kuwaiti person who commits, outside of the State of Kuwait, an act punishable under the provisions of this Law and under the provisions of the laws in force in the place where he has committed said act, and who returns to Kuwait without having been acquitted by the foreign courts of the charge against him".

The preceding ensures that any Kuwaiti in the employ of the United Nations who commits a crime in the course of performing his work will be criminally prosecuted. If it is not possible to prosecute said person in the State where he was employed due to diplomatic immunity, judicial proceedings will be conducted against him upon his return to the State of Kuwait.

II. Implementation of the other provisions of General Assembly resolution 63/119 is ensured by relevant laws and the provisions of bilateral judicial cooperation treaties signed between the Government of the State of Kuwait and other States.