STATEMENT

BY

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Mr. Chairman,

Allow me at the outset, to reaffirm the trust of my country’s delegation in your wise leadership, as well as your capability and the members of the Bureau, to conduct the works of the First Committee to achieve more progress and success.

Mr. Chairman,

There is no doubt that the ability of the world to move forward on the way to progress and prosperity, based on the principles of international cooperation, cannot continue in the shadow of the numerous existing dangers and challenges, foremost among which, are the nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. The existence and proliferation of such weapons undermine all international and humanitarian efforts to build a better world. Let alone, the negative and catastrophic effects resulting from their use, which will ensure, in case of even using the minimum amount, the destruction of the world and the extinction of the human race.

Mr. Chairman,

The State of Kuwait believes that the only means by which the world can be free from the nightmare of the nuclear weapons, and weapons of mass destruction, lies in working diligently and actively on the total and immediate elimination of all the arsenals of such weapons, and to ensure the verification of this as an ultimate irreversible goal, that will guarantee the continuation of life, as well as, shaping the features of a future based on cooperation in every field, in order to accomplish the noble goal of our organization, in maintaining international peace and security.

In this context, achieving universality for this goal will not be reached in the presence of existing obstacles, such as the regional challenges. Perhaps one of the important obvious attestations to these challenges is represented in the Middle East region. A region that for decades has suffered, from instability and the squandering of the efforts aiming at making it one of the vital and active regions of the world. Furthermore, Israel’s possession of nuclear weapons, its continued defiance of the international community and relevant Security Council resolutions, and its refusal to accede to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, as well as subjecting all its nuclear facilities to the monitoring and supervision of the International Atomic
Energy Agency. All those obstacles act on undermining all of the regional and international efforts in this field.

In this regard, the State of Kuwait welcomes the convening of the International Conference in the coming month of December, in the Finnish capital of Helsinki, aiming at the creation of zone free of nuclear weapons, and all other weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East, based on the implementation of the commitments contained in the plans of action adopted by the 2010 NPT Review Conference. We call upon all states to participate in this conference. Moreover, the State of Kuwait commends the efforts of the Government of Finland for hosting this conference.

Mr. Chairman,

Concerning the Iranian nuclear program, the State of Kuwait calls upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to cooperate in a constructive manner with the International Atomic Energy Agency, as well as with all international efforts that will translate international resolutions and relevant Security Council resolutions into a tangible reality, and also to dispel the doubts about the essence of its program and its aims, so that it can come out of the circle of crises and threats of sanctions. It will also spare the Arab gulf Region and the Middle East from intromission into the arena of conflict, which could lead to hampering the regional efforts in development, progress and prosperity. We also emphasize the inalienable right of Iran and all the countries in the region to use nuclear energy peacefully and without discrimination.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.