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by States parties under article 9 of the Convention**

List of themes in relation to the combined twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth periodic reports of Kuwait

Note by the Country Rapporteur

1. The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination decided at its seventy-sixth session¹ that the Country Rapporteur would send to the State Party concerned a short list of themes, with a view to guiding and focusing the dialogue between the State Party's delegation and the Committee during the consideration of the State Party's report. The present document contains a list of such themes. It is not an exhaustive list; other issues may also be raised in the course of the dialogue. No written replies are required.

Statistics

2. Steps taken to collect and publicize reliable, comprehensive statistical data on the demographic composition of the population disaggregated by ethnic and ethno-religious origin and by status as a migrant, asylum-seeker, refugee or stateless person. Information on the socioeconomic situation of the various groups disaggregated by sex, age, ethnic or national origin, migration status and other relevant factor.²

Convention in domestic law and the institutional and policy framework for its implementation (arts. 1, 2 and 4)

3. Steps taken to incorporate the provisions of the Convention into domestic law, including examples of case law since the submission of the report of the State Party in which the Convention has been invoked or applied in judicial decisions and administrative acts.³ Information on human rights training courses, including on the Convention, provided to judges, prosecutors and lawyers and their impact in raising awareness and knowledge of the provisions of the Convention.

4. Measures taken or envisaged to develop and adopt a comprehensive anti-discrimination law that defines and prohibits racial discrimination in full conformity with article 1 of the Convention, including a definition of direct and indirect discrimination.⁴

5. Activities carried out by the National Bureau for Human Rights, in particular with regard to issues related to racial discrimination. Information on the National Bureau's

¹ A/65/18, para. 85.

² CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 8; and CERD/C/KWT/25-26; para. 4.

³ CERD/C/KWT/25-26; para. 40; and CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 20.

⁴ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 10; and CERD/C/KWT/25-26; para. 12.



alignment with the principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (the Paris Principles) and steps taken to seek its accreditation by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions.⁵

6. Measures to address racist hate speech and incitement to racial hatred or racial discrimination, as well as racist hate crimes. Measures to ensure compliance and harmonization of the State Party's legislation, including Legislative Decree No. 19 (2012), with article 4 of the Convention.⁶

7. Measures to prevent and combat discrimination in employment, including in the public administration, on the grounds of sex, race, colour, descent or national or ethnic origin, language and religion.⁷

Situation of ethnic and ethno-religions groups (arts. 2 and 5)

8. Measures to combat racial discrimination against ethnic and ethno-religious groups, as well as people of African and Asian descent, and to guarantee their full and equal enjoyment of all rights covered by the Convention, without discrimination, including their right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

Situation of migrants (arts. 2 and 5)

9. Implementation of the Law No. 91 (2023) on trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants. Updated and comprehensive statistics on the number of complaints received, investigations conducted, prosecutions initiated and sanctions imposed.⁸

10. Measures to combat discrimination against migrants, including migrant workers, in particular domestic workers, and to ensure adequate protection of their human rights, including the right to freedom of movement, the right to leave the country, the right to just and favourable conditions of work, the right to adequate housing and the right to health.

11. Implementation of the new Foreigners' Residence Law No. 114 (2024) and its impact on the rights of migrant workers and of decision 306/2025 of 21 December 2025 for the Law No. 1 (1999) on Health Insurance for Foreigners, which increased the annual health insurance fee for foreigners.

12. Measures taken to abolish the sponsorship system for the employment of migrant workers (*kafalah*) and measures to prevent the exploitation and abuse of migrant workers. Number of complaints and reported cases of labour exploitation and abuse, investigations carried out and penalties imposed.⁹

13. Situation of migrant domestic workers, additional information on the implementation of Law No. 68 (2015) regarding domestic workers and additional information on the functions and actions taken by the Department of Domestic Labour for the protection of domestic workers. Number of complaints of cases of exploitation and abuse of domestic workers, investigations carried out and penalties imposed to those responsible.¹⁰

14. Respect of the principle of non-refoulement, as well as measures and mechanisms in place to ensure that the human rights protection needs of each migrant are assessed individually and with due process.¹¹

Statelessness (arts. 2 and 5)

15. Information on the implementation of the nationality legislation in the State Party. Concerns about the revocation of nationality and risk of statelessness.

⁵ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 12; and CERD/C/KWT/25-26; para. 28.

⁶ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 14.

⁷ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 18.

⁸ CERD/C/KWT/25-26, page 8, table.

⁹ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 22.

¹⁰ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 24; and CERD/C/KWT/25-26, para. 53–55.

¹¹ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 34.

16. Measures taken to allow Kuwaiti women married to foreigners to pass on their nationality to their children and spouses on an equal basis with Kuwaiti men.¹²

17. Measures to combat discrimination against stateless Bidoon people and measures adopted to abolish the barriers faced by them in obtaining official documents and to ensure their enjoyment of civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights without discrimination. Measures to ensure that Bidoon children have access to education without discrimination.¹³

Multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination (arts. 2 and 5)

18. Measures to address multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against women, in particular migrant women, stateless women (Bidoon) and women belonging to ethnic and ethno-religious groups.

Situation of human rights defenders (arts. 5 and 6)

19. Measures adopted for the effective protection of human rights defenders, in particular for those defending human rights of migrants and Bidoon.¹⁴

Access to justice (art. 6)

20. Information on measures adopted to ensure access to justice for victims of racial discrimination. Statistics disaggregated by ethnic or national origin of the alleged victims, on complaints for acts of racial discrimination, racist hate speech and racist hate crimes and on the number of investigations, prosecutions, convictions of perpetrators and the reparations provided to victims.¹⁵

Human rights education to combat prejudice and intolerance (arts. 7)

21. Information on steps taken to include human rights education, including on combating racial discrimination, in school curricula and in the training curricula for teachers and other professionals. Specific measures taken to raise awareness among the general public, civil servants and law enforcement and judicial authorities on the importance of cultural diversity and tolerance.

¹² CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 32; and CERD/C/KWT/25-26, para. 124–126.

¹³ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 28.

¹⁴ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 30.

¹⁵ CERD/C/KWT/CO/21-24, para. 26.