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Identical letters dated 29 October 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Kuwait to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government and in accordance with the provisions of Security Council resolution [2107 \(2013\)](#), I should like to inform you of the latest developments with regard to missing Kuwaitis and third-country nationals.

On Wednesday, 20 October 2021, Kuwait handed over to Saudi Arabia the remains of a Saudi Arabian national who went missing during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990. The fate of the victim Abdullah bin Salim al-Qarni, a national of our sister country Saudi Arabia, has been determined. He was identified by running a DNA analysis on his remains, which were among the remains of a group of victims received from Iraq and whose identities were announced in previous statements, most recently this past July. Following intensive efforts, Kuwait obtained information regarding two burial sites in Iraq. That information was conveyed to the Technical Subcommittee of the Tripartite Commission, which decided that those sites should be inspected by an Iraqi technical team under the supervision of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). That is when the remains of the prisoners were discovered.

Kuwait, acting through the Technical Subcommittee, informed officials in Saudi Arabia of the outcome of the identification process immediately upon the conclusion of the DNA analysis, and they in turn informed the victim's relatives. Kuwait strives assiduously to report any information or data available regarding prisoners and missing persons, because that is a humanitarian and legal right established by international laws, including Security Council resolution [2474 \(2019\)](#). The heroism of Al-Qarni will always serve as an example of the sacrifices that Saudi Arabians made during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and the war of liberation. In that connection, we recall with admiration the honourable positions that the leadership, Government and people of Saudi Arabia took during the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Kuwait thanks the Government of Iraq, the members of the Tripartite Commission and the Technical Subcommittee, ICRC and the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq for their efforts in relation to the question of missing Kuwaitis and third-country nationals. It hopes that this humanitarian tragedy will come to an end and reiterates that it will continue its efforts to determine the fate of all Kuwaitis and third-country nationals.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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