Statement of the State of Kuwait under agenda Item 24: Management, Legal, and Governance Matters, Sub-Agenda Item 24.2 Process of Handling and Investigating Potential Allegations Against WHO Directors-General

Honorable Chair, Distinguished Delegates,

The State of Kuwait reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the Constitution and procedural guidelines of the World Health Organization. We firmly believe that any investigation or legal procedures concerning allegations against WHO Directors-General must be conducted in strict adherence to the established guidelines and principles of the organization.

Kuwait emphasizes that the Executive Board and the World Health Assembly are the highest authorities responsible for overseeing and managing such sensitive matters. It is within these bodies that due process must be upheld, ensuring that investigations are thorough, fair, and transparent.

We categorically oppose any external efforts to investigate the work of the WHO, as this could undermine the integrity and independence of the organization. The governance structures of the WHO are well-equipped to handle such issues internally, maintaining the trust and confidence of Member States and the global health community.

Thank you, Chair.