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Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good morning.

It is with great pleasure that I come here today to help unveil the Kuwait Integrated Environmental Information Network (KIEIN) with our partners in the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and the Supreme Council for Planning and Development.

The State of Kuwait has met most of the Millennium Development Goals, yet still faces the challenge to fully meet the 7<sup>th</sup> goal of environmental sustainability. UNDP has been working with Kuwaiti institutions on several fronts to help protect the environment and ensure sustainable use of natural resources. In the State of Kuwait, further attention is needed to monitor and coordinate the efforts made by the various actors to protect the environment and respond to local and global environmental issues.

UNDP is honoured to be here today at the presentation of the Kuwait Integrated Environment Information Network (KIEIN). KIEIN presents to the State of Kuwait an important and powerful analytical tool for environmental and socio-economic data. The great value of KIEIN is that it underscores the growing consensus around the need for knowledge-based societies.

The State of Kuwait is advancing rapidly on many fronts especially economically, yet these advancements should go hand in hand with local efforts to sustain environmental resources for future generations. We now have the tools and resources to allow for economic efficiency while sustaining environmental resources and we believe that KIEIN plays a role in facilitating this.

We invite the people of Kuwait to view KIEIN as a tool serving stakeholders in different disciplines. In our efforts to strive towards knowledge based strategies, policies, programmes and actions, KIEIN can help prepare decision makers, planners, academics, researchers and students with updated facts and information to respond to environmental, economic and social development.

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The sustainability of KIEIN is of paramount importance and we extend our hands to all of you to use, share your experiences and demonstrate the benefits of using KIEIN with others. We are keen in the upcoming period that different users in institutions throughout the State of Kuwait are trained on the use and applications of KIEIN to ensure its dissemination and effective use.

On this occasion, I would like to express my deep gratitude to our partners in the KIEIN project, Dr. Naji Al-Mutairi, Director General of the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Dr. Adel Al-Wugayan, General Secretary of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development, and Dr. Hamdy Al Gamily, KIEIN Project Manager, for their efforts and commitment to bring KIEIN to the public.

Thank you all very much and it is an honour for me, on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme in the State of Kuwait, to participate in today's event.