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United Nations Day Address
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Ahsalam o aleikum

Welcome everyone to our celebration of United Nations Day. Throughout the world, as we are doing here in Kuwait tonight, this day, October 24th, is celebrated to highlight the role of the United Nations in resolving world conflicts, forging peace and security, promoting human rights, tackling global problems such as climate change and poverty, and supporting nations in achieving national development objectives, including the Millenium Development Goals.

On behalf of all my United Nations colleagues represented here tonight, from the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Labour Organization and the International Organization of Migration, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Kuwait Government for its strong support for the United Nations.

Thank you all for being here tonight and it is an honour for us to have you here as our guests.

I'd like to try to say a few words now in Arabic -

Ahlen wah sahlen bikum. Awad an ashkur al hadour wa al hakouma wa shabb al Kuwaiti. Ana ataz wa aftaher bi wou joudi huna fee hatha beled al jamil al Kuwait.

Let me now introduce a very special friend of the United Nations, Her Excellency Sheikha Fariha Al Ahmed Al Sabah, who would like to say a few words of welcome on this occasion.