





Message from
His Highness Sheikh
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Amir of the
State of Kuwait

It is my pleasure to undertake a State Visit to the United Kingdom in response to the kind invitation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth states.

This visit comes as an embodiment of the historical relations between the State of Kuwait and the United Kingdom, which is deeply rooted through history. It also assures the mutual and continuous desire of our two countries to develop these relations in different fields of cooperation, particularly the economic, commercial, investment and cultural ones, and to promote them to wider horizons with a view to serving mutual interests.

The relations between the two countries are always characterised by the spirit of friendship, mutual respect, understanding, and the exchange of views regarding different issues of mutual interest, particularly those related to the distinguished bilateral relationship. This has been the foundation of a great consensus between the two countries, over decades, concerning a number of issues in both the international and regional arenas.

These commonalities between the two countries, no doubt, represent a

solid platform for the development and enhancement of various frameworks for cooperation, particularly within the context of the rapid process of development taking place in the two countries, which is further fostered by the economic openness they both enjoy.

The State of Kuwait has adopted an ambitious development plan which aims to diversify our sources of income, upgrade the level of public services, and diversify infrastructure. It is a pleasure for us to have British companies among the participants in the execution of different development projects included in the plan.

The State of Kuwait always remembers with deep gratitude the historical stances of the United Kingdom in its condemnation and rejection of the brutal Iraqi occupation of the State of Kuwait in 1990, and also its leading diplomatic role in supporting Kuwait's just causes, as well as its effective military participation with the allied countries in the liberation of Kuwait in 1991.

These honourable stances of your country shall always be well remembered in the history of Kuwait as a luminous page in the distinguished relations between the State of Kuwait and the United Kingdom. **E**

HIS HIGHNESS
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