



Introduction by
The Rt Hon Lord Astor of Haver DL

We at FIRST are delighted to produce this report to mark the 120th anniversary of the Anglo-Kuwaiti Friendship Treaty, signed in 1899. The United Kingdom and Kuwait have enjoyed a trading relationship that dates back to the middle of the eighteenth century, with the East India Company establishing an office in Kuwait in 1793. Since then, our two nations have built a strong and enduring relationship in trade and investment, as well as defence and security.

I visited Kuwait on three occasions in my capacity as Defence Minister between 2010 and 2015. We enjoy important and close relations with Kuwait on defence matters and I was involved with many discussions about these important arrangements.

I am confident that the United Kingdom and Kuwait will continue to work closely together to address global challenges. Our relationship is based on friendship and deep mutual respect. F

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Astor', followed by a long horizontal flourish.