



Introduction by
The Rt Hon Lord Astor of Hever PC DL

I am delighted to welcome this report to mark the Sixtieth Anniversary of Kuwait's National Day and 30th Anniversary of Liberation Day. Over the past sixty years Kuwait has pursued a foreign policy based on cooperation and coordination. The United Kingdom and Kuwait have enjoyed a long standing relationship. Our two nations have built a strong and enduring relationship based on 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 and the sixtieth anniversary of Kuwait's Independence is a tremendous opportunity to underline a special relationship. F

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Astor of Hever". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a long, thin horizontal line that extends to the right.

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