

## **Kuwait proud of women citizens' role in community**

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Kuwaiti women play an important role in their society and the Gulf region through numerous contributions in different domains.

The statement came from the first secretary of the Kuwaiti delegation to the United Nations (UN) Salah Hamdan Al-Saif who addressed late on Tuesday the 62nd session of the UN Social and Cultural committee, part of the UN General Assembly.

In statements under the theme of women advancement, Al-Saif said that Kuwait was proud of Kuwaiti women's achievements, noting their contribution to the workforce, as well as their attainment of freedoms which protected them against discrimination.

Regarding political rights, the official stated that since the participation of women voters and candidates in the National Assembly (NA) and Municipality elections after the historical amendment to the elections law in May 16, 2005, Kuwaiti women began to show leadership qualities. With women holding important positions in the government and other authorities, female citizens should be proud of themselves, stressed Al-Saif.

"Kuwait is party in conventions to eliminate all kinds of discrimination against women," indicated the Kuwaiti official. He called upon the international community to give special attention to the suffering of women worldwide, saying that the world needed a new generation which would focus on the development of mankind.