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Amnesty International regional seminar on “Justice and Human Dignity” Kuwait, 12-13 February 2000

Amnesty International, in cooperation with the Kuwaiti Lawyers' Association, is holding a two-day seminar in Kuwait on 12 and 13 February. The theme of the seminar is “Justice and Human Dignity”.

Judges and human rights advocates from Kuwait and other Middle Eastern countries will participate in the seminar, which will include discussion on:

The role of women in the decision-making process
The role of judges and lawyers in the promotion and protection of human rights
Promoting a culture of human rights
The independence of the judiciary
Labour Laws and discrimination

The seminar is part of Amnesty International's worldwide program of activities regarding human rights awareness. It will facilitate networking and strengthening of coordination among advocates of women's rights and enable them to be more effective in their campaigning work. It will contribute to the ongoing debate regarding women's political rights. Freedom of expression, and means of enhancing collaborative efforts among Gulf institutions for the legal protection of human rights in the region, will also be addressed.

Amnesty International will also be planning meetings with officials as part of an ongoing dialogue between the organization and the Government of Kuwait. The meetings will focus on Amnesty International's concerns and recent initiatives to promote the awareness of internationally recognised human rights instruments.

Amnesty International hopes the recommendations arising from the seminar will contribute to the development of human rights, its advocacy and implementation in the Gulf and throughout the Middle East.

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