

### **DATA UPDATE – Women, Business and the Law 2022**

# **Kuwait**

## **Supreme Council for Planning and Development**











#### Women, Business and the Law- Kuwait

### 1. Workplace

#### **Comment received from Government:**

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#### **Response from** *Women*, *Business and the Law* team:

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2. Is there legislation on sexual harassment in employment?

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