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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and with reference to its communication No. AL SAU 8/2018, dated on 25 June 2018, containing a joint letter addressed from the Special Procedures to H.E. Mr Adel AL-JUBEIR, Minister for Foreign Affairs, regarding the cases of human rights defenders Ms Radhya AL-MUTAWAKEL and Mr Abdulrasheed AL-FAQIH, who reportedly have been detained several times in Yemen.

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia considers that the Saudi authorities are not concerned by those cases, since they occurred within the territories of Yemen.

Therefore, the Permanent Mission would appreciate if the Special Procedures Branch could transmit the above-mentioned communication to the Yemeni Government.

The Permanent Mission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch the assurances of its highest consideration.

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