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Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office at Geneva

Official reply of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the communication from the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances No. G/SO 217/1 of 27 September 2017 regarding Mr. Murwan Ali Naji Murshid

Based on an examination of the relevant records and files, it is possible to confirm that no person by the name of Mr. Murwan Ali Naji Al Muraisy is being held in detention in Saudi Arabia, contrary to the information provided in the communication sent by the Vice-Chair of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances. There is an individual by the name of Mr. Murwan Ali Naji Murshid (of Yemeni nationality, residence permit No. [REDACTED]) who, according to the warrant for his arrest, was taken into custody on 18 Ramadan A.H. 1439 (2 June A.D. 2018) after an arrest warrant had been issued for him by the authorities, in accordance with article 5 of the Counter-Terrorism and Financing of Terrorism Act. Article 5 states that: "The Public Prosecution Service shall issue a summons or an arrest warrant for any person suspected of committing any of the offences listed in the present Act." His arrest was handled in accordance with article 2 of the Act, which states that: "The offences defined in this Act are deemed to be serious offences that give rise to an arrest." Mr. Murwan Ali Naji Murshid was arrested on suspicion of being in contact with individuals, States and organizations that are hostile to the Kingdom and working together with them with the intention of damaging the Kingdom's interests. His case is still under investigation. He is being held in the Mabathith (General Directorate of Investigation) prison in the Jeddah Governorate of Makkah Province.

Mr. Murwan Ali Naji Murshid is being treated in accordance with the applicable regulations, which provide for the requisite safeguards and guarantees of his rights. He has access to medical care on the same footing as other prisoners and has undergone a medical examination.

