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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 Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, and would like to refer to the latter's joint communication ref: **AL SAU 8/2020** dated 2 June 2020.

In this regard and stemming from the Keenness of our government to cooperate with the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council, we would like to inform you that the case presented above needs further examining, thus the need for more time to provide the requested information. Therefore, the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is kindly requesting a deadline extension to provide a substantive reply to the aforementioned communication.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression; the Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association; the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health; the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls the assurance of its highest consecration.

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