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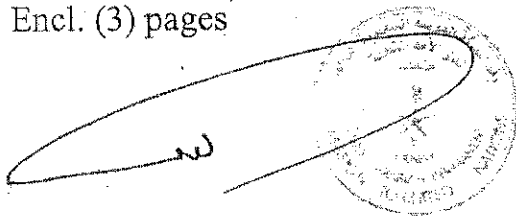
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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and wishes to refer to the note verbale dated 1 October 2013 requesting to receive any relevant information for the preparation of a report related to the Human Rights Council resolution 22/7 on birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law.

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia has the honour to send here attached a summary report (3 pages) comprising views and information on the above mentioned subject.

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Right the assurances of its highest consideration.

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## Short Report

Birth registration constitutes a right to everyone born in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia where the process of birth registration usually starts by the announcement of birth in any hospital, followed by electronic registration.

The number of births during 2012 has reached 526.776 children, including 269.998 who were born in public hospitals, 87502 who were born in other public institutions, and 169.276 who were born in private hospitals.

All the births in the Kingdom are registered through the Civil Registry, and all of them receive the basic vaccines as an integral part of the birth registration process which ends up with issuance of a birth certificate, once the vaccinations have been carried out completely.

Enclosed you will find a table detailing the distribution of births throughout the public hospitals across the Kingdom, according to the sexes (male or female).

The government of the Kingdom must be commended for the great investments that it has made in this connection, represented by its several institutions as the Civil Registry and the public health services, to link between these institutions electronically concerning birth registration, which has improved the recordation of child mortality for instance.

Probably the best example of this are the statistics published recently in the website of the World Health Organization regarding infant and under-five mortality, and which show a big improvement in the decline of death rates in the Kingdom compared with other countries.

So, infant mortality rate has reached 7.4 deaths among 1000 births, instead of 16.2 deaths among 1000 births previously. While, the rate of under-five mortality has reached 8.6 deaths among 1000 births, instead of 18.7 deaths among 1000 births previously.



The WHO has changed its previous statistics and adopted the statistics announced by the Kingdom as a result of its revision of the data processing system, the procedures used, and the assessment of birth and death registration mechanism in the Kingdom. The Organization has also reclassified the Kingdom to be the among the developed countries in that field, which led to adopt its official statistics.

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**Total distribution of births in the Public hospitals  
according to the regions and sexes during 2012**

Region	Male	Female	Total
Riyadh	22398	21634	44032
Makka	7488	6952	14440
Jeddah	6198	6031	12229
Ta'if	6221	6055	12276
Medina	11533	11048	22581
Qassim	9575	9427	19002
Eastern Province	6858	6557	13415
Al-Ahsa	6578	6322	12900
Hafar Al-Batin	5309	3074	8383
Asir	9504	8868	18372
Bisha	3336	3155	6491
Tabuk	4711	4571	9282
Ha'il	5667	5408	11075
Northern Borders	3522	3480	7002
Jizan	12401	11497	23898
Najran	5135	4749	9884
Bahah	4289	4131	8420
Jawf	4051	3913	7964
Al Qariat	2903	2774	5677
Al Qunfudhah	1354	1321	2675
<b>Total</b>	<b>139031</b>	<b>13096</b>	<b>269998</b>