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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 High Commissioner for Human Rights and has the honor to refer to the latter's note verbal of 22 December 2016, regarding the impact of arms transfer on Human Rights.

The Permanent Mission wishes to transmit the reply of the Kingdom's government, as follows:

In accordance with the Council of Ministers decree no. 193 dated on 29 August 2005, aiming to protect individuals from the risks related to weapons, the transporting of weapons by governmental authorities or the authorized bodies is subject to a number of conditions for monitoring the safety of that transportation; the most important of which consists of conducting strict controls during transportation, provided that the means of transport, are appropriate.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a party to many Conventions and Protocols that combat the manufacturing and the illicit trafficking in firearms. In addition, the importation of weapons by the Kingdom is organized according to several agreements concluded with the manufacturing companies that respect the operations of transporting and using the weapons in a secure manner that guarantees the safety of Human Rights.

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

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