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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, The Secretariat of the United Nations International Independent Expert Mechanism mandated to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement (EMLER), and would like to refer to the letter received regarding the call for inputs on the subject of Reimagining policing: Closing trust deficits, strengthening institutional oversight, adopting alternative and complementary methods to policing and the use of force, and encouraging stocktaking of lessons learned. In that regard, the Permanente Mission has the honor to attach herewith contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the afore-mentioned request.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, The Secretariat of the United Nations International Independent Expert Mechanism mandated to advance racial justice and equality in the context of law enforcement (EMLER), the assurance of its highest consideration.





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Saudi Arabia's inputs on in the context of law enforcement

- In dealing with the principles of the use of force and firearms, the Saudi Public Security entity complies with the Basic Law of Governance, under which a number of other laws are entailed. These include, among others, internal security and criminal laws, most notably the Internal Security Forces Law, the Imprisonment and Detention Law, and other regulations, decisions and instructions derived from them, in line with human rights priorities, in addition to the regional and international conventions and instruments to which the Kingdom has become a party.
- The existence of a national legal framework that prevents racism, the professional and competent implementation of the provisions of such laws, and the dissemination of awareness by all means available—all serve to combat this abhorrent crime.
- Establishing specialized internal administrative to mounter all State entities, and several internal oversight bodies ensure the accurate implementation of guarantees. Following is a detailed account of these bodies:
 - Establishing administrative units specialized in internal control in general, and entrusting them to monitor administrative issues under the management of human resources and internal audit departments;
 - Establishing administrative units within legal departments that specialize in detecting human rights abuses;
 - Developing a mechanism for filing security and criminal reports relating to human rights, through a service that allows all individuals to file reports electronically, such as the "Kollona Amn" (We Are All Security) application, in addition to receiving reports in any form or kind;
 - The Public Security entity has offered several courses relating to all areas of human rights in order to enhance public awareness of these issues. These courses addressed issues such as racial discrimination, building the capabilities of Public Security personnel in charge of human rights, developing and increasing the trainees' knowledge of human rights concepts and providing them with the necessary skills to deal with various human rights issues;

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- Opening a number of communication channels both internally (Public Security personnel) and externally (citizens, residents) to receive and address complaints and comments on the services provided according to a specific mechanism through the Public Security Human Rights Department, in collaboration with other entities; involving Public Security personnel in human rights events and activities at the national and international levels; ensuring ongoing cooperation between the Public Security entity, the Human Rights Commission and the National Society for Human Rights in the Kingdom to address issues of common interest; and enhancing the continuous operation and development of human rights mechanisms through drafting periodic reports on their performance and exchanging visits with relevant entities, both at the internal or external levels.
- Implementing additional oversight of detention centers by entrusting this task to the legal department.
