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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, and would like to refer to the note verbal dated December 19, 2023 regarding the call for inputs for the report of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the right to development to the General Assembly and Human Rights Council. In that regard, the Permanent Mission has the honor to attach herewith contribution of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the afore-mentioned report.

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 assurance of its highest consideration.

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Q1: How does Saudi government leverage human rights obligations, including the right to development in the engagement and negotiations with IFIs? What Kind of support, if any, States would need from OHCHR and other international partners to include human rights and the right to development in their engagement with the IFIs?

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contributes to the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural, including the realization of the right to development. In line with the Kingdom's Vision 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. Where the Kingdom supports the right to development on the principle of equality, non-discrimination, achieving social justice for all segments of society, strengthening the principle of understanding and interdependence locally and internationally with international financial institutions, in addition to supporting the principles of effective international cooperation with those institutions, and works on continuous development to address development-related challenges. From this standpoint, the Saudi government benefits from human rights obligations, as the Kingdom's government, companies and civil society join hands in order to achieve human rights, including the right to development, the achievement of the seventeen goals of sustainable development, and continuous improvement to raise the welfare of society and for a decent life to become a fait accompli that everyone lives without a distinction for present and future generations. In the other hand, Saudi Arabia as a member of different financial international organizations such as the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and the United Nations is participate to support and strengthen cooperation frameworks and implement the right to development by providing financial facilities to other countries. This stems from its sense of moral and humanitarian responsibility, as it contributes to providing humanitarian aid to the poorest countries, developing countries and international organizations. Saudi Arabia is working to support partnership with international financial institutions in various development fields, including finance, trade, economic openness and technology transfer.

Q2: Please provide examples of how financial assistance and finding by IFIs to your country have either supported or hindered the realization of the right to development.

International financial institutions play a pivotal role in supporting the social and economic development programs of many countries, especially countries with developing or transitional economies that need support. However, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia relies entirely on its financial resources to work towards achieving the goals of the right to development.