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JOINT STATEMENT¹ ON SAUDI ARABIAN-UNITED STATES COOPERATION. WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 8, 1974

Following the joint announcement of April 5, 1974, in which Saudi Arabia and the United States expressed their readiness to expand cooperation in the fields of economics, technology, and industry, and in the supply of the Kingdom's requirements for defensive purposes, His Royal Highness Prince Fahd bin Abd al Aziz, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, accepted an invitation to visit the United States on June 5-8 to discuss these matters with President Nixon and Secretary of State Kissinger.

His Royal Highness was accompanied by a number of high Saudi officials. Prince Fahd met with President Nixon on June 6, and he and his colleagues also had meetings with Secretary of State Kissinger, Secretary of the Treasury Simon, Secretary of Defense Schlesinger, Secretary of Commerce Dent, and other high government officials.

The visit provided an opportunity for the two sides to agree on specific steps to strengthen relations in a variety of areas. Major attention was focussed on Saudi Arabia's economic and social development plans and defense requirements as well as on the ways in which the United States could be helpful in the realization of Saudi aspirations. There was a broad review of global problems of peace and security, and in this context, the situation in the Arabian Peninsula was examined. It was recognized that responsibility for maintaining security and promoting orderly development in this area belonged to the states of the region and that close cooperation among them is needed for their security. The United States expressed its continuing support for cooperative measures.

The visit also provided an opportunity to review the current status of United States efforts currently underway to work towards a just and lasting solution in the Middle East in accordance with UN principles and resolutions. Both sides expressed satisfaction with the progress made and expressed their hope for continuing early progress in this regard. The United States side reaffirmed its intention to continue its efforts looking toward a just and durable peace in the Middle East and noted the constructive support it has received from the Kingdom in these efforts.

At the conclusion of the visit, His Royal Highness and the Secretary of State agreed on the following:

- A. To establish a Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation. This Commission will be headed by the Secretary of the Treasury for the United States and by the Minister of State for Finance and National Economy for Saudi Arabia. Its purpose will be to promote programs of industrialization, trade, manpower training, agriculture, and science and technology. The first formal meeting of this Commission will take place in Saudi Arabia in October of this year. The Commission members will include representatives from the Departments of State, Treasury, and Commerce, and the National Science Foundation and possibly other agencies for the United States side. For the Saudi Arabian side, it will include representatives from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Finance and National Economy, Commerce and Industry, the Central Planning Organization, and other government departments concerned. The Economic Commission will review at this first meeting the recommendations and plans prepared by Working Groups that will be meeting in the meantime. These include the following:
 - (1) A Joint Working Group on Industrialization will meet in Saudi Arabia beginning on July 15, 1974 to consider plans for Saudi Arabia's economic development,

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paying special attention to the use of flared gas for expanding the production of fertilizer.

- (2) A Joint Working Group on Manpower and Education will meet in Saudi Arabia shortly thereafter to consider projects aimed at the further development of Saudi technical manpower skills, the expansion of educational and technical institutions, the transfer of technological expertise, the establishment of a comprehensive Saudi Arabian science and technology program keyed to the national goals of the Kingdom, and an expansion of sister university relations.
- (3) This will be followed by another Joint Working Group on Technology, Research and Development in scientific fields of interest to examine specific cooperative endeavors in such fields as solar energy and desalination.

(4) In addition a Joint Working Group on Agriculture will meet to examine agricultural development proposals in general and desert agriculture in particular. The Commission will encourage and facilitate periodic visits to Saudi Arabia by scientists, engineers and research specialists drawn from the United States Government, universities, and private business in order to supplement the operations of the Working Groups and to examine specific proposals for cooperation. The two governments have agreed to study a proposed technical cooperation agreement between them. The two governments will also consider sponsoring an Economic Council composed of prominent American and Saudi participants from the private sector to work together to further the aims of the cooperative arrangements between the two countries. Consideration will also be given to the formation of a United States-Saudi Industrial Development Council, which might include government as well as private enterprise representatives.

The United States Treasury Department and the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Finance and National Economy will consider cooperation in the field of finance.

- B. To establish a Joint Commission to review programs already underway for modernizing Saudi Arabia's armed forces in light of the Kingdom's defense requirements especially as they relate to training. The Commission will be headed by the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs for the United States and by His Royal Highness the Vice Minister of Defense and Aviation for Saudi Arabia. The first meeting of this Commission will take place in Saudi Arabia in the fall of this year.

It was agreed that Saudi Arabia and the United States will continue to consult closely on all matters of mutual interest. To that end, the Secretary of State and His Royal Highness Prince Fahd will remain in close contact with each other to oversee and to ensure that the activities of the joint commissions to be formed as a result of these talks are fully coordinated and are responsive to the interests of both countries.

It was agreed that the visit of Prince Fahd not only enhanced the spirit of friendship and understanding between the two countries but that it also heralded an era of increasingly close cooperation. This friendship is not based exclusively on material considerations but is derived from mutual respect and intimate relations over many years. The United States for its part hopes that this cooperation will be the benchmark for its evolving relations with the Arab world. Saudi Arabia for its part hopes that the era now opening will witness successful progress for its citizens and for all people of the area as they seek peace and security in the transformation into reality of their goals for prosperity and well-being.

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