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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES)
and
SAUDI ARABIA**

Memorandum of understanding concerning the establishment of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees field offices in Saudi Arabia. Signed at Jeddah on 22 June 1993

Authentic text: Arabic and English.

Registered ex officio on 22 June 1993.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(HAUT COMMISSARIAT
DES NATIONS UNIES POUR LES RÉFUGIÉS)
et
ARABIE SAOUDITE**

Mémorandum d'accord relatif à l'établissement des délégations du Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés en Arabie saoudite. Signé à Jedda le 22 juin 1993

Textes authentiques : arabe et anglais.

Enregistré d'office le 22 juin 1993.

MEMORANDUM¹ OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, hereinafter referred to as the Government, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, hereinafter referred to as UNCHR, wishing to establish UNHCR office in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and regulate its functions have agreed to the following:-

Firstly: To this effect, UNHCR shall:

1. Assume the function of its known internationally reconized humanitarian role;
2. Maintain consultations and cooperation with the Government on all matters related to the welfare of refugees in the host country;
3. Assist the Government in its efforts to provide and organize the humanitarain assistance to refugees in the Kingdom;
4. In close cooperation with the Government, facilitate consultations with other concerned governments and International organizations with the aim of

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identifying and pursuing durable solutions to the refugee problem;

Secondly: For its part, the Government:

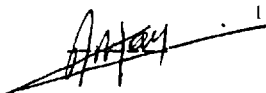
1. Provides protection to refugees present in the Kingdom;
2. Agrees to strengthening UNHCR's presence in the Kingdom through the establishment of an independent Office in Riyadh and an office in Rafha;
3. Shall grant UNHCR personnel the necessary access to all refugees located in the Kingdom;
4. Shall grant UNHCR such facilities as may be necessary for the speedy and efficient execution of its mandate for the refugees in the Kingdom, including providing donations covering expenses for the UNHCR's two offices in the Kingdom by paying rents and operating costs and personnel transportation, to a limit of SR 1.5 million per annum.
5. Shall accord to UNHCR staff, its property, funds and assets, and to its officials on mission such privileges, immunities and exemptions as are normally extended to credited U.N. officials in the Kingdom.

Thirdly: This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature by both Parties and will remain in force until either Signatory demands its termination three (3) months earlier.



Fourthly: In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly appointed representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Government, respectively, have, on behalf of the Parties, signed this Memorandum of Understanding in the Arabic and English languages. The Arabic copy remains the basis of this Memorandum.

Done in Jeddah this 2nd day of Muharam 1414H corresponding to the 22nd day of June 1993G.

For the Office of the U.N.
High Commissioner for Refugees:

Signed  ¹

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia:

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Signed 

¹ Kamal Murjan.

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