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The Honourable Jacques Chagnon  
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Mr. President,

On behalf of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I have the honour to enclose the official statement of the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the case of Raif Badawi.

I would be grateful if you could forward this statement to the competent authorities.

A copy of this statement has been sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours Truly,



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Saudi Arabia expresses its strong surprise and dismay at what is being said in some of the media on the issue of citizen/Raif Mohammed Badawi and the verdict against him.

While the Kingdom regrets these media outlets' attacks against the Kingdom and its Judiciary, it emphasizes that it does not accept any form of interference in its internal affairs, and rejects the encroachment on its sovereign right or the compromising of its judiciary independence and integrity, where there is no power over the judges in their rulings. The Kingdom also stresses that all court cases are handled without distinction or exception. The source also added that the Kingdom does not accept at all any attack on it in the name of human rights, especially when its constitution is based on Islamic law, which guarantees the rights of human and preserves his blood, money, honour and dignity.

Saudi Arabia was one of the first countries that supported human rights and respected all international conventions in accordance with the Islamic Sharia. However, and in spite of these obvious visible efforts, some international agencies and some media unfortunately emptied human rights from its high implications, and drifted into the attempt to politicize and exploit them in the infringement and attack on the sovereign rights of States according to standards that can only be described as selective and biased to serve political goals; and this is something the Kingdom does not permit nor accept at all.