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Dear Nic,

On behalf of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, I wanted to make sure your office was aware that the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth recently hosted Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to the United States, for a virtual webinar on Jan. 21, 2021.

HRH Ambassador Reema was pleased to participate and share her thoughts on a diverse array of topics, including the vital geopolitical, economic, and security benefits of the U.S.-Saudi partnership, Saudi Arabia and Texas's long history of working together in the energy sector, the transformative changes occurring for women in the Kingdom as a result of Vision 2030, and even this year's NFC East standings and her family's love of the Dallas Cowboys. The webinar was moderated by Jim Falk, the president of the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth.

The webinar was well attended, with numerous Dallas / Fort Worth community and business leaders joining to hear from HRH Ambassador Reema. Attendees additionally had the opportunity to ask HRH Ambassador Reema questions on topics of their choosing. The webinar's organizers and attendees commented on HRH Ambassador Reema's passion for Saudi Arabia and its people, her informative remarks and answers to questions, and her efforts in bringing America and Saudi Arabia even closer together through outreach like the event.

Attached is an overview of the event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

All my best,

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Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia Event Summary

Virtual Webinar with Her Royal Highness Princess Reema bint Bandar

Hosted by the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth

January 21, 2021
Zoom Interactive Event
6:00-7:00 p.m. CST

Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud addressed a virtual event, hosted by the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth, on Thursday, January 21, 2021. After being introduced by Jim Falk, the president of the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth, HRH Ambassador Reema focused her remarks on several areas surrounding the robust 76-year U.S.-Saudi partnership, the Kingdom's Vision 2030 program, the economic ties between Saudi Arabia and Texas, and even her family's decades long passion for the Dallas Cowboys. She then participated in a question-and-answer session with the council's membership, moderated by Falk. HRH Ambassador Reema spoke passionately about her people, the transformation and reforms occurring in the Kingdom, and the importance of the U.S.-Saudi partnership to the world. She further applauded the mission of the World Affairs Council of Dallas / Fort Worth for bringing cultures from around the globe to Texas.

Among the many topics discussed, HRH Ambassador Reema focused extensively on the bold and inspiring transformation occurring in Saudi Arabia under Vision 2030. From diversifying the Saudi economy to opening Saudi Arabia to tourism, Vision 2030 touches every government department and Saudi citizen. Vision 2030 additionally seeks to empower women, an effort recognized by the World Bank Group whose yearly Women, Business, and the Law report identified Saudi Arabia as having made the biggest yearly improvement. Specifically, the report recognized Saudi Arabia for barring sexual harassment in both the public and private employment sectors, legally protecting pregnant employees from discriminatory dismissal, setting the retirement age the same for men as for women, and mandating equal pay for women. HRH Ambassador Reema spoke extensively on these changes and provided real-world examples as to how significant these changes are for women in the Kingdom.

Additional topics covered by HRH Ambassador Reema included:

- The vibrant and substantial economic relationship between Texas and Saudi Arabia
- The role companies like Saudi Aramco, Motiva Enterprises, the Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), and Fluor Corporation has in the U.S.-Saudi partnership
- Saudi Arabia's inspiring Saudi women athletes and the Kingdom's efforts at expanding athletic opportunities
- The over 40,000 Saudi students who study in the United States and the importance of these students to the future of the U.S.-Saudi friendship
- Saudi Arabia's efforts at diversifying its economy under Vision 2030
- How COVID-19 has impacted Saudi Arabia and the initial vaccine rollout in the Kingdom
- Saudi Arabia's work stabilizing the Middle East, combatting terrorism, and containing Iran's aggressive actions
- The Kingdom's efforts seeking a political solution to the conflict in Yemen

The event concluded with HRH Ambassador Reema thanking the attendees and encouraging all those who joined the webinar to visit the Kingdom once COVID-19 allows travel.