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**The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Welcomes, Supports Firm Strategy US President
Announced, towards Iran, its Aggressive Approach**

Oct. 13, 2017 [WASHINGTON] – The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia welcomes and supports the resolute strategy announced by President Donald Trump, President of the United States of America with regards to addressing Iran and its malign behavior. The Kingdom commends the President's clear-eyed vision, and his commitment to working with the United States' allies in the region to confront common threats, especially those posed by Iran's aggressive policies and behavior in the region.

The Kingdom had previously announced its support for the agreement between Iran and the P5+1 based on its belief for the need to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the need to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon, as well as the Kingdom's commitment to achieving peace and security in the region and the world. However, Iran had misused the economic benefits it gained from the lifting of sanctions, and used them to continue its destabilizing behavior in the region, especially through its development of ballistic missiles, and its support for terrorism in the region, including Hezbollah and the Houthi militia. Iran went beyond that in a blatant violation of international resolutions, as it transferred its capabilities and expertise to its proxies, including the Houthi militias, who used these missiles to target the Kingdom. This proves the fallacy of Iran's claims that its development of these capabilities is for defensive purposes. Iran, through the Revolutionary Guard and the Houthi militias under its control, also continued its attempts to restrict international maritime navigation in the Red Sea and the Arabian Gulf, and continued its cyber attacks against the Kingdom and countries in the region.

Based on this, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reaffirms its full commitment to continue to work with its partners in the United States and the international community to achieve the objectives of the strategy announced by the President of the United States, and the need to address the dangers posed by Iran's policies to international peace and security in a comprehensive approach that is not limited to its nuclear program, but includes all of its malign activities, and cuts off all paths for Iran to obtain weapons of mass destruction.

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