Statement from Her Royal Highness Ambassador Reema Bandar Al-Saud on International Women’s Day

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On the occasion of International Women’s Day, let us recognize the extraordinary strength and resilience of women everywhere this past year during the pandemic, as well as the remarkable work and accomplishments of women leaders all over the world.

As we overcome this pandemic, we will come to realize that COVID’s impact has not been gender neutral — women have disproportionately suffered the social and economic consequences of this pandemic.

In this new life that we are charting for ourselves, as we emerge better and stronger from this crisis, it is essential that we create space for women at the table if we are to build a more sustainable, equitable, and tolerant society for all people.

In the Kingdom, women’s advancement continues to move forward and expand under our leadership. A series of legal reforms, championed as part of Vision 2030, demonstrate the country’s commitment to breaking down the institutional barriers to women’s success.

As we continue to make further progress toward greater gender equality, Saudi Arabia remains committed to championing and advancing women in a way that ensures everyone can contribute equally to the development of our nation, irrespective of their gender.

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