The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to inform that the Government of Saudi Arabia has decided to present its candidature to the Human Rights Council in its first election that will take place in May of 2006.

Saudi Arabia has a confirmed commitment with the defense, protection and promotion of human rights. This commitment has been manifested in its performance as a member of the Commission on Human Rights. Furthermore, Saudi Arabia pursues the policy of active cooperation with international organizations in the field of Human Rights and fundamental freedoms. Saudi Arabia is a party to eight international human rights instruments. Saudi Arabia attaches great importance to the work of the Human Rights Council and intends to make every endeavor to contribute to its deliberation and activities for the protection and promotion of Human Rights.

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to express to the Secretary-General to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.