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We welcome the Saudi delegation.

The preliminary results of Turkey and Saudi Arabia’s investigation is that Jamal Khashoggi was killed in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul. We condemn this premeditated killing. Holding accountable those identified as being involved and continuing the investigation is an important first step. A thorough, conclusive, and transparent investigation carried out in accordance with due process with results made public is essential.

We recommend Saudi Arabia:

1. Narrowly define “terrorist,” “terrorism,” and “public order” in the Counterterrorism and cyber crime laws so as not to criminalize expression, association, or peaceful assembly.

2. Ensure no one remains jailed for peaceful assembly, association, or expression, and allow them to travel freely domestically and internationally once released.

3. Allow diplomats to attend trials and court sessions as was done in 2013.

We commend the Kingdom’s initiatives to broaden societal and economic participation for Saudi Arabian women. We remain, however, concerned about guardianship laws and credible reports of the forcible return of women to Saudi Arabia after these women have entered the sovereign jurisdiction of other countries.

We are concerned the *kafala* sponsorship system leaves migrant workers vulnerable to abuse.

We thank the Saudi delegation. Thank you, Mr. President.