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H.R.H. Prince Saud bin Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud  
Minister of Foreign Affairs  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Royal Highness,

I have been saddened by the news of the passing of H.M. King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and would like to express my sincere condolences to you and your family, both in my personal capacity and as EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy and Vice President of the European Commission.

King Abdullah was a strong partner for Europe and a man of great vision. His legacy will be remembered in the European Union, as his reign was marked by a number of important steps towards the Kingdom's transformation. He has played a crucial role in the region with his courageous stance on seeking a sustainable solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict through the Arab Peace Initiative that he sponsored, and by his engagement for inter-faith dialogue.

We in the European Union know and respect Saudi Arabia's strong commitment to ensuring the stability and prosperity of the Kingdom and to supporting regional peace and stability over the years.

I am confident that under the leadership of H.M. King Salman, the deep and longstanding friendship between the European Union and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will continue to develop for the mutual benefit of our people and of all in the region.

I very much look forward to our next meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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