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H.E. Ambassador Michele Cervone d'Urso  
Head of the EU Delegation to Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman & Qatar

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Dear Ambassador Cervone d'Urso,

We write you prior to the next trial session of six Saudi Arabian activists that will be held on Sunday 13 January. It seems that they are charged solely for their participation in peaceful protests.

We are deeply worried to know that five of these activists are facing death penalty, namely Israa al-Ghomgham, Ahmed al-Matrood, Ali Ouwaisher, Mousa al-Hashim, Khalid al-Ghanim, and that Mujtaba al-Muzain faces up to 20 years in prison.

Regarding both the urgency and the gravity of the situation, we kindly ask you to do everything possible to ensure that these persons can be given a fair trial and that any breach or violation on this matter can be denounced.

We would also like that everything be done to ensure that Israa al-Ghomgham, Ahmed al-Matrood, Ali Ouwaisher, Mousa al-Hashim and Khalid al-Ghanim escape the death penalty and if possible, together with Mujtaba al-Muzain, can be free without undue delay.

We hope that the EU Delegation will be able to monitor this trial session and we would appreciate if you could inform us on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

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