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H.R.H. Mohammad bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
Crown Prince, Prime Minister and Minister of Defense
Council of Ministers of Saudi Arabia
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Royal Highness,

As the United States and the rest of the world — including the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia — are dealing with COVID-19 pandemic response, mitigation and prevention efforts, the added impact of unsettled global energy markets is an unwelcome development.

The United States has been a strong and reliable partner to the Kingdom for decades. In light of this close strategic relationship, it was greatly concerning to see guidance from the Kingdom's energy ministry to lower crude prices and boost output capacity. This has contributed to a disruption in global oil prices on top of already hard-hit financial markets.

Senior Saudi government leaders have repeatedly told American officials, including us, that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is a force for stability in global markets. Recent Saudi actions have called this role into question. We urge the Kingdom to assert constructive leadership in stabilizing the world economy by calming economic anxiety in the oil and gas sector at a time when countries around the world are addressing the pandemic.

We look forward to the upcoming meeting with your Ambassador to the United States, Princess Reema bint Bandar Al Saud to discuss these issues further, and encourage continued dialogue and action on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

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