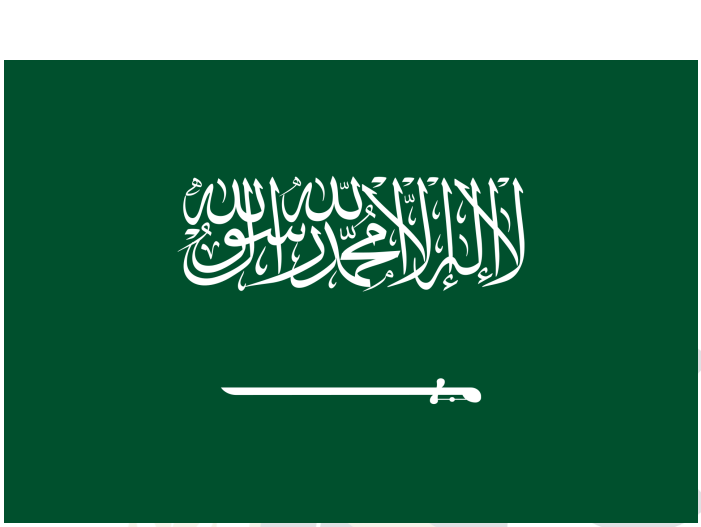
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OFFICIAL POSITION 2026

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Committee: Commission on the Status of Women (UN Women)
Topic A: The Imposition of New and Severe Restrictions on Women's Rights in Afghanistan
País: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Delegate: Matías Coro Fernández
School: Cochabamba Cooperative School (Calvert)

OFFICIAL POSITION: KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

1. Background

Basic Country Information:

Official Name: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Capital: Riyadh

King: Salmán bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

Area: 2,150,000 km²

Continent: Asia

Currency: Riyal Saudí

Population: 36.41 million (2021)

GDP: 1.109 trillion USD (2021)

GDP per cápita: 30,447.88 USD (2021)

Religion: Sunni Islam (85 - 90%) ; Shia Islam (10 - 15 %)

Languages: Arabic (official), regional Arabic dialects (Najdi, Hejazi, and Gulf Arabic), English (widely used in business and education), Urdu (minority), Hindi (minority), Tagalog (minority), Bengali (minority).

System of Government: Absolute Theocratic Monarchy

Borders: Saudi Arabia is located on the Arabian Peninsula. It shares borders with Jordan and Iraq to the north; Kuwait to the northeast; Qatar, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirates to the east; Oman to the southeast; and Yemen to the south. To the west, it borders the Red Sea, and to the east, the Persian Gulf.

International Relations: United Nations (UN), the Arab League, the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the G20, the Organization of the

Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Islamic Development Bank, INTERPOL, and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

2. Position on the Issue.

a) Interest in the Conflict

Afghanistan experienced a sudden shift regarding women's rights following the withdrawal of international armed forces and the return of the Taliban regime in August 2021. The implementation of new policies in Afghanistan has severely restricted the rights of women, limiting access to education and other fundamental freedoms. These measures not only deprive women of the opportunity to pursue academic development, but also hinder their ability to contribute to the country's progress, stability, and prosperity. Such restrictions do not accurately reflect the true principles of Islam or the values and honor it represents within Islamic societies. Initially, the Taliban administration expressed its intention to adopt a more flexible approach toward women's rights, stating that women would be allowed to work and pursue education within the framework of Islamic law. However, these commitments were never fully realized, and the situation evolved into a more restrictive environment for the fundamental rights of women.

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia reaffirms its commitment to the protection of women's fundamental rights, recognizing their essential role in preserving the integrity and values of Islamic principles. The Kingdom maintains that Islam promotes dignity, respect, justice, and the development of every individual within society, regardless of gender. The delegation further believes that the restrictions imposed in Afghanistan do not strengthen the image of Islam; rather, they weaken it by projecting a restrictive and exclusionary interpretation that is inconsistent with the true message and spirit of the Islamic faith. Such measures risk undermining both social progress and the international perception of Islamic values, which are founded upon justice, compassion, and human dignity. In conclusion, the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as a brotherly nation, wishes to express its commitment to supporting positive change in Afghanistan that respects the country's sovereignty while achieving a balance

between the preservation of religious identity and the protection of fundamental human rights. The Kingdom believes that the true strength of Islam lies in its principles of justice and dignity for both men and women, and that these values should be promoted to advance the welfare, stability, and sustainable development of Afghanistan.

Explanation:

The conflict under discussion should be explained in order to establish the necessary background and context. This will provide the foundation for outlining the actions that have already been taken in response to the issue and, subsequently, for presenting each delegate's proposed solutions and recommendations.

b) Policies Implemented to Address the Issue.

- **Diplomatic Statements:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has expressed concern regarding the new policies affecting Afghan women and has emphasized its support for their well-being and development. Saudi Arabia has also stated that such restrictions are inconsistent with the Islamic principles of dignity, justice, and equality, which are essential for the proper functioning and advancement of society.

- **Social Assistance Programs:** Saudi Arabia has implemented initiatives aimed at supporting women's empowerment and economic participation. Through the Social Development Bank, the "Talat Almara'a" project was established to support women-led entrepreneurial ventures by providing financial assistance, training, and capacity-building opportunities. The initiative is directed toward women across various regions of the Kingdom.

- **Project Funding and Financial Support:** Significant financial resources have been allocated to women's empowerment programs, focusing on projects that promote education and access to economic opportunities, in cooperation with non-governmental organizations and international entities.

- **Women 's Training Programs:** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia launched a comprehensive development and mentorship program for women as part of its Vision 2030

initiative, aimed at enhancing women's skills and representation in key roles that contribute to social and economic progress. The program also seeks to provide women with the necessary tools to help build a prosperous and stable foundation for future generations. Furthermore, it aims to promote constructive values and positive development that may serve as an example for neighboring and partner nations.

Explanation:

A brief explanation is provided of the measures undertaken by the respective government regarding the topic under discussion, as well as the resulting effects and outcomes, regardless of their nature or impact.

c) Policies Necessary to Resolve the Conflict

The delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia proposes the following targeted solutions:

- Through the financial support of governments and international organizations, establish an International Council for Adaptive Islamic Interpretation, consisting of Islamic leaders, scholars, and academics from various nations. This body would work to provide coherent and respected interpretations of Islamic principles for both men and women, promoting greater flexibility regarding women's rights while preserving the true image of Islam as a faith of well-being and stability. The development of this initiative is expected to take between one and two years for the formation and establishment of the council. Funding would be provided through the Central Bank of Saudi Arabia, as well as participating organizations and interested countries wishing to contribute to the initiative.
- Promote the inclusion of women in political consultations, such as shuras (local councils) and other community-level decision-making bodies. The initiative seeks to ensure the participation and perspectives of women in discussions affecting their daily lives. This measure should be presented as a strategy that strengthens the proper representation of Islam and its role in the development of a prosperous and stable society. Internal institutions, including the Ministry of Finance and the Public

Investment Fund, would be utilized to manage and finance the project. Implementation is expected within six months to one year, accompanied by adequate training and logistical support.

- Implement cultural and religious awareness programs regarding the true role of women in Islamic society, targeting local leaders, youth, and religious communities. These programs are intended to promote a balanced understanding of Sharia and the historical role of women in Islam, while emphasizing the Islamic framework as a foundation for social well-being and stability.

Explanation:

This section should outline the measures considered necessary to achieve a resolution of the issue, both at the national level (primarily) and within the broader international community. Multiple proposals may be included.

It is not necessary to present these proposals in bullet points or list format, as shown in the example. Delegates are encouraged to carefully follow the instructions provided in order to avoid receiving calls to order during the conference. The use of standard letter-size paper is strongly recommended.

The Position Paper must not exceed eight (8) pages in length.

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Explanation:

Finally, the bibliography must be presented in APA format and include the corresponding list of sources consulted throughout the research process.