

CIVIL AFFAIRS, EMERGENCIES AND DEFENSE

Technical Cooperation

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and SAUDI ARABIA**

**Agreement to Amend the Technical Cooperation
Agreement of May 16, 2008, as Extended January 16, 2013**

Effectuated by Exchange of Notes at Washington July 3 and
September 12, 2019

Entered into force September 12, 2019



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

The Department of State acknowledges receipt of the diplomatic note dated February 28, 2019, from the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia, which invited the Department of State to provide comments to the Embassy on an attached note from the Ministry of Interior of Saudi Arabia on amending certain terms of the Technical Cooperation Agreement between the United States of America and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia signed at Riyadh on May 16, 2008, as extended on January 16, 2013 (TCA), and certain TCA implementing agreements known as project specific agreements (PSAs).

The Government of the United States shares the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's objective of amending the TCA and certain associated PSAs to continue cooperative efforts in the areas of critical infrastructure protection and public security, including counterterrorism, through collaboration with both the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Interior and the Saudi Arabian State Security Presidency. To achieve that objective in part, the Department of State concurs in substance with amending certain terms of the TCA referenced in the Ministry of Interior note forwarded under cover of the Embassy's February 28 note, subject to minor technical corrections reflected below.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

The Department of State thus has the honor to propose the following agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to amend the TCA:

1. *The English language text of the TCA shall be amended as follows:*

- a. *The phrase "and State Security Presidency" shall be added after the phrase "(MOI)" in the first sentence and after the phrase "MOI" in the second sentence of Paragraph 1.*
- b. *The phrase "and State Security Presidency" shall be added after the phrase "MOI" in Paragraph 5.*
- c. *In Paragraph 6, Chapeau, the phrase "Assistant Minister of Interior for Security and Internal Affairs" shall be replaced with the phrase "Minister of Interior."*
- d. *The phrase "and State Security Presidency" shall be added after the phrase "Ministry of Interior" in Paragraph 6(a).*

2. *The Arabic language text of the TCA shall be amended as follows:*

- a. *The phrase "ورئاسة أمن الدولة" shall be added after the phrase "وزارة الداخلية" in the first sentence and after the phrase "وزارة الداخلية" in the second sentence of Paragraph 1.*
- b. *The phrase "ورئاسة أمن الدولة" shall be added after the phrase "وزارة الداخلية" in Paragraph 5.*
- c. *In Paragraph 6, Chapeau, the phrase "مساعد وزير الداخلية للشؤون الأمنية" shall be replaced with the phrase "وزير الداخلية"*
- d. *The phrase "ورئاسة أمن الدولة" shall be added after the phrase "وزارة الداخلية" in Paragraph 6(a).*

If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Department proposes that this note, together with the Embassy's reply note to that effect, shall supersede the Embassy's note dated

February 28, 2019, and shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Embassy's reply note.

Department of State,

Washington, July 3, 2019.



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ROYAL EMBASSY OF SAUDI ARABIA
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The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and has the honor to refer to the Department's Note dated July 3, 2019, which reads as follows:

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2. *The Arabic language text of the TCA shall be amended as follows:*

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- b. *The phrase "ورئاسة أمن الدولة" shall be added after the phrase "وزارة الداخلية" in Paragraph 5.*
- c. *In Paragraph 6, Chapeau, the phrase "مساعد وزير الداخلية للشؤون الأمنية" shall be replaced with the phrase "وزير الداخلية"*
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If the foregoing proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Department proposes that this note, together with the Embassy's

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reply note to that effect, shall supersede the Embassy's note dated February 28, 2019, and shall constitute an agreement between the two governments which shall enter into force on the date of the Embassy's reply note.

End quote.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia has the honor to confirm that the proposals set forth in the above quoted Department note are acceptable to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and that the Department's note and this note in reply shall supersede the Embassy's note dated February 28, 2019, and shall constitute an agreement between the two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this note in reply. The Embassy has the further honor to inform the Department that this note in reply replaces in its entirety the Embassy's note on this subject dated August 30, 2019.

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State the assurance of its highest consideration.

Washington, D.C.

September 12, 2019

