**Subject matter: regarding the query about progress made in eliminating Childs, early and forced marriage.**

Child Protection Law issued by Royal Decree No. (M/14) dated 3/2/1436H. and its executive By-Law issued by a Ministerial Decision No.56366 dated 16/6/1436H. and Protection Law of Abuse No.52 dated 15/11/1434H. and its executive By-Law issued by a ministerial decision No.43047 dated 8/5/1435H.

**Details of the items are as follows:**

First: Child Protection Law includes the following:

1. The definition of Abuse Law includes: "any form of abuse, exploiting and threatening to child ".
2. The executive By-Law defined the child abuse: "every action or saying made by a person towards a child causing fear to the child or his money"

These two definitions include forced marriage which no doubt means child abuse.

1. The Law and the By-Law confirmed in the second item an emphasis on the decision of the Islamic Sharia, the regulations and the international conventions. The Kingdom is a party involved and keen to protect child from all forms of abuse and negligence whether from home or district or from the public places… or from a person has influence or neighborhood on the child.
2. The regulation has stipulated in the second item that the concerned bodies to spread awareness in order to help the child to obtain his due rights and to protect him from abuse through the mass media, the educational and the social institutions and the other relevant bodies. Also, supporting the scientific research and studies related to child protection from abuse.
3. The 16th item stipulated in the By-Law in the 3rd paragraph "Before making marriage, be sure when a person marries under the age of 18 years old, will not cause him harm and achieve his utmost interests male or female". This is highly considered by the Kingdom through spreading awareness in the society because of the sensitivity and importance of the subject.
4. Item 21th of the By-Law stipulates that: "Any provision to ensure better protection for child enshrined in the other system or an international convention to which the Kingdom is part of. This explicit provision confirm, the Kingdom's decision of the general assembly of the United Nations No.6/69 dated 18/12/2014 regarding marriage of children (early and forced marriage).

Second: Law of protection from abuse issued by Royal Decree No.(52) dated 15/11/1434H. and its executive By-Law issued by a ministerial decision No.43047 dated 8/5/1435H., which stipulated:-

1. The definition of abuse in the Law includes: any form of exploitation exceeding the borders of guardianship, authority, responsibility, secret relationship, maintenance, sponsorship or living commitments… etc.
2. The executive By-Law has defined exploitation: when someone does harm to another person by any means using his authority or guardianship… etc. These definitions confirm the criminalization of exploiting guardianship on others including children males and females.

The Law of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia looks after children through guardianship and protection from abuse of all Kinds.

Child protection Law includes prison sentences or fines or both penalties to any one committing an act considered abuse to others.