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On November 16, in a ceremony attended by Ambassador Westphal and other members of the diplomatic corps, the government of Saudi Arabia signed a Memorandum of Understanding with over thirty international automakers, including major American manufacturers, that sell on the Saudi market, establishing Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. The U.S. Embassy has worked closely with HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, Assistant Minister of Petroleum for Petroleum Affairs and His Excellency Dr. Saad Al-Qasabi the Governor of the Saudi Standards, Metrology, and Quality Organization and with American automotive manufacturers to bring this new standards program into being.

We salute the Saudi automotive fuel economy program and recognize its importance for Saudi Arabia. It is a great achievement which will advance a number of very important goals, including curbing emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change, maintaining a fleet of automobiles sufficient to meet Saudi consumer demand, and promoting the conservation of Saudi Arabia's valuable petroleum resources. The Embassy congratulates the government of Saudi Arabia on this important program and looks forward to its successful implementation.

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