

23 September 2021

HRH Prince Abdul Aziz Bin Salman
Minister of Energy
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Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Your Royal Highness,

On behalf of the **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)**, I have the honour of extending our **sincerest congratulations to the Custodian of the two Holy Mosques, Amirul Muminin, His Majesty King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud and the People of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** on the **joyous occasion of the Kingdom's 91st National Day**, celebrated today, **23 September**.

Today we join together in spirit with Saudis across the Kingdom – from **Riyadh** to **Jeddah**; from **Makkah** to **Madinah** as families, dear friends and loved ones gather to celebrate the magnificent cultural heritage and rich history of the **Kingdom**. On this festive occasion, we extend our heartfelt best wishes for good health, success and prosperity.

As a **Founder Member**, **Saudi Arabia** continues to play a key role in the Organization through its **astute guidance, diplomatic nous** and **keen expertise**. Through 61 years of **OPEC's** rich history, your **esteemed Country** has fostered **cooperation** within the **OPEC Family** and with **partners on the global stage**, thus strengthening OPEC's role and helping enhance its reputation within the global **oil industry**.

We remain indebted to the **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia** for the expert **leadership** and **continuous guidance** it has provided and continues to provide in support of the **OPEC-non-OPEC Declaration of Cooperation**. This pioneering global energy cooperation continues to provide a vital undercurrent of stability in the global oil market. The instrumental role of Saudi Arabia was clearly visible during the early days of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, when we jointly succeeded, through this notable framework, to take bold and swift decisions that resulted in the **largest** and **longest**

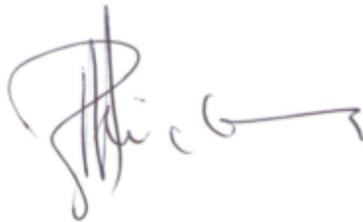
production adjustments in the history of our industry, restoring stability to a highly volatile oil market.

Saudi Arabia continues to inspire us with its forward-looking plans to adapt to the ever-evolving dynamics brought on by the energy transition through the **Saudi Green Initiative**. The innovative solutions set out in this ambitious plan will help support an **inclusive and fair energy transition** towards greater sustainability.

I am confident that together, based on our shared values, we are headed towards an **era of growth** and **prosperity** that will be beneficial to both producers and consumers.

Allow me to conclude by reiterating our warmest congratulations to the Government and the great people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as you celebrate this special **91st National Day**.

Please accept, Your Royal Highness, the assurances of my highest consideration and respect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo

Secretary General