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## Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee

December 14, 2017

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC) serves as an advisor to you on the promotion of nuclear energy exports, and we are writing as a follow-up to a letter we sent to you on October 12, 2017 regarding the need for your active engagement regarding the potential U.S. commercial support for the nuclear power program of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA).

CINTAC is aware that the Administration has begun to discuss its strategy to re-engage with the Kingdom to negotiate a civil nuclear cooperation agreement (“123 Agreement”). We would like to reinforce our earlier letter regarding the commercial importance that the U.S. nuclear industry attaches to this agreement and we ask that you continue to advocate for it within the Cabinet.

The context for this letter is that in the absence of a 123 Agreement, or at a minimum, significant progress toward concluding one, there may be adverse consequences regarding the attractiveness of the U.S. commercial nuclear offering. In addition, the 123 Agreement will require Congressional attention, and it is important that Congress fully understand the strategic, economic and commercial importance of the 123 Agreement as well as the geopolitical role that this agreement will play regarding our overall relations in the Middle East. We are aware that there are some in Congress who have raised questions regarding the type of 123 Agreement that should be concluded, or even question the need for a 123 Agreement at all. It is important for these questions to be addressed and for Congress to be made aware that in the absence of an agreement, Saudi Arabia will turn to our competitors and not only will the U.S. lose a significant economic opportunity (potentially in excess of \$100 billion) but it will lose an opportunity to enhance our strategic relationships in the region. We urge you to immediately direct the Commerce Department staff, with their counterparts in the Departments of State and Energy, to promptly and actively engage with relevant Congressional Committees, Members and staff to educate them on the importance of the 123 Agreement. Prompt action on the part of the Government is required to ensure the success of this effort and the resurgence of the U.S. nuclear industry.

CINTAC stands ready to assist you and the efforts of the U.S. Government to achieve a successful 123 Agreement with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Thank you for your support of CINTAC. We look forward to working with you and your team on this subject and other issues of mutual concern.

Sincerely and on behalf of the members of CINTAC,



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Gary Wolski, Chairman



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Chris Colbert, Vice Chairman

Cc: U.S. Secretary of State  
U.S. Secretary of Energy  
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