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Via Email

To Whom It May Concern:

Human Rights Foundation has learned that Tiësto will travel to Saudi Arabia to perform at King Abdullah Economic City on January 31, 2019, during the country's first international golf tournament. As Tiësto's agent, you should know that his performance is part of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's plan to whitewash the kingdom's international reputation, and that the crown prince is financing the performance of your client.

I am writing to inform you of the human rights crisis in Saudi Arabia, to clarify the role that Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) has played in violating the rights of millions of Saudis, and to request that your client cancel his performance in Saudi Arabia. Any funds that you and your client receive for this performance will be a direct payment from one of the world's most brutal and corrupt governments.

Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, MBS, silences anyone who dares to criticize his policies or call for reform. Since coming to power in June 2017, MBS has systematically eliminated many of his political opponents and has introduced legal measures to criminalize peaceful dissent. His crackdown has intensified in the past year with the jailing of hundreds of journalists, civil society members, activists, and intellectuals, many of whom have been detained for months without being charged. The recent murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi consulate in Turkey is perhaps the most brazen example of the extreme violence that MBS exerts in order to silence his critics.

Tiësto is the one of the most popular DJs in the world and has tremendous media influence. He has partnered with multiple relief organizations to assist victims who have been displaced by natural disasters including Hurricane Maria and Hurricane Harvey. Since 2015, Saudi Arabia has led an intervention into Yemen's civil war that has created the world's worst humanitarian crisis. As a result, massive amounts of Yemeni people have been displaced and deprived of basic needs. If your client's humanitarian concerns stem

from devastation wreaked by natural disasters, he should seriously consider the message he would be sending if he performs for a dictator who has willfully incited destruction in Yemen for the past four years.

Despite his supposed commitment to humanitarian causes, your client has decided to perform for a murderous regime. If your client moves forward with this performance, he will be complicit in the Saudi government's attempt to whitewash Khashoggi's assassination and detract attention away from the country's disastrous human rights situation. HRF urges Tiësto to cancel his upcoming performance in Saudi Arabia immediately and apologize not only to his millions of fans, but also to the thousands of people who have been unlawfully harassed, imprisoned and tortured at the hands of the Saudi regime.

Considering the information above, performing in Saudi Arabia will be disastrous for your client's reputation. HRF asks you to urgently consider canceling this performance. If you have any questions, please contact me at (212) 246-8486 or by email at celine@hrf.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kasparov', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Garry Kasparov

