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## Letter dated 14 May 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to inform you that seven explosive drones attacked civilian infrastructure this morning in Saudi Arabia. The drones were directed by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia in Yemen to oil pump stations in the cities of Dawadmi and Afif. This attack occurred on the east-west oil pipeline that transfers Saudi oil to Yanbu' port and to the rest of the world. While the Houthi militia claims full responsibility and calls it a victory, such an act will only lead to further escalation in the region.

I would like to assure you of our commitment to supporting the political efforts spearheaded by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen and the Chair of the Redeployment Coordination Committee to successfully implement the Stockholm Agreement. However, such an act will only jeopardize the efforts of the United Nations.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia calls for the full implementation of all relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2140 (2014), 2216 (2015) and 2451 (2018), in order to prevent the Houthi militias from using the Hudaydah seaport as a launch pad for their numerous terrorist operations, which undermine the efforts that the Special Envoy for Yemen is exerting to reach a peaceful solution. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia furthermore calls for the Security Council to take urgent measures to address the stockpile of Houthi weapons and to disarm this terrorist militia, in order to prevent the escalation of these attacks which increase regional tensions and raise the risks of a broader regional confrontation.

Finally, my delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council and informs you that a copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Secretary-General.

(Signed) Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi Permanent Representative



