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Letter dated 29 August 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the statement that was issued by the Government of Yemen regarding the outrageous bombardment by the United Arab Emirates of Republic of Yemen armed forces as they were exercising their constitutional right to confront rebel militias affiliated with the Southern Transitional Council, which is supported by the United Arab Emirates, and to take control of the temporary capital, Aden, and Shabwah and Abyan Governorates, in accordance with the Constitution of Yemen and international law.

This air raid by the United Arab Emirates against Yemeni government forces in the temporary capital, Aden, and its suburbs, as well as in the city of Zinjibar in Abyan Governorate, is an alarming and blatant escalation by the United Arab Emirates against my country that cannot be overlooked, because it is an attack against the sovereignty, security and territorial unity and integrity of Yemen.

The Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its role and intervene immediately, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, to stop these attacks and all the financial and military support being provided by the United Arab Emirates to all militias and military groupings in Yemen that are not under the control of the State. My country calls upon Saudi Arabia, the leader of the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen, and its wise leadership to intervene and use every means to halt this alarming military escalation, which is aimed at undermining the sovereignty, security, unity and territorial integrity of Yemen.

In the statement that I delivered before the Council on 20 August 2019, I warned that the United Arab Emirates was supporting rebel militias. Today, we are seeing the results of its persistence, misguided ways and aggression, which must stop immediately.

The Yemeni Government has exercised the utmost restraint in response to the actions of the United Arab Emirates, which have been documented with the Security Council. It has done so because it appreciates the contribution and the sacrifices made by the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen. The Yemeni Government had also hoped to contain and address the dangerous repercussions of those actions in the context of the Coalition. However, this air raid confirmed its warnings that the actions of the United Arab Emirates have now gone beyond the goal for which the Coalition was established, and instead exploit that country's position in the Coalition in order to take measures that ill befit the trust placed in the United Arab Emirates by the Coalition and the Yemeni Government.



I should therefore be grateful if the Security Council would hold a meeting to consider the attacks carried out by the United Arab Emirates, which are still ongoing at the time of writing, and to bring an end to these blatant acts of intervention. I wish to reiterate that the United Arab Emirates bears full responsibility for the air raid and the material and moral boost provided to the armed uprising of the militias of the so-called Southern Transitional Council in the southern governorates, militias that are backed by the United Arab Emirates.

Again, my Government reserves its right under international law and the Charter of the United Nations to take all necessary measures to bring an end to these attacks and the alarming escalation that is under way.

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