Letter dated 21 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

In reference to my letter dated 3 October 2022 (S/2022/732) regarding the Houthi militias’ threat to disrupt international maritime navigation and target ships and oil infrastructures, I regret to inform the Security Council of the Houthi militias’ targeting of oil infrastructures on three occasions this week. In this regard, I would like to inform the Council of the following:

• Today, 21 October 2022, the Houthi militias launched a terrorist attack using drones (UAVs) and missiles against Al-Dhaba oil terminal in Hadramawt while a crude oil ship was berthing.

• This terrorist attack is the third of its kind after the Houthi militias targeted Rudum oil terminal on 18 and 19 October 2022. This is clear evidence of the Houthis’ systematic policy of targeting civilian and commercial infrastructures, in a blatant violation of international law and international humanitarian law.

• This attack is another episode in the Houthis’ series of attacks targeting the economic infrastructures of the Yemeni people, and is exacerbating the already dire economic and humanitarian situations, while also threatening the international and regional energy supply.

• At a time when the Government of Yemen continues to practise restraint, avoid escalations and enable the efforts to renew the truce, the Houthi militias are crossing all the red lines, threatening neighbouring countries and international oil companies in the region. Today, the Houthi militias acted upon these threats by launching this terrorist attack, confirming the militias’ terrorist nature, that rejects all peace efforts, serves the interest of the Iranian rogue regime and poses a serious threat to international peace and security.

• While the Government of Yemen reaffirms that all options to deal with the Houthis’ escalation and terrorist attacks remain on the table, it reminds the Security Council of its responsibility to address such terrorist attacks, and calls on the Council to strongly condemn this Houthi terrorist attack and the Iranian regime behind it, as well as take concrete measures to put an end to this terrorist behaviour, which is derailing the peace process in Yemen and threatening the supply and stability of global energy markets.
I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter made available to the members of the Security Council for their valuable consideration, and issued as a document of the Council.

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