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Letter dated 15 September 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing to you regarding the Houthi militias' heinous attack, using a ballistic missile and five explosive-laden drones, against the Mukha' seaport on the west coast of Yemen on 11 September 2021. The attack caused enormous destruction to the port's operational infrastructure and several food warehouses. In this regard, allow me to point out the following:

The attack came shortly after the local authorities in Hudaydah had concluded rehabilitating the port's facilities in preparation for the resumption of basic operations to receive essential commercial goods and humanitarian aid to alleviate the suffering of Yemenis. This is another example of the Houthi militias' continued targeting of civilians and civilian infrastructure.

The attack took place at the time when a government delegation from the Ministry of Transportation was visiting the port to monitor its operations. This is not the first time that the Houthi militias have targeted civilian government personnel, especially after the Security Council failed to hold them accountable for attacking the Cabinet in Aden on 30 December 2020.

The attack destroyed at least four buildings, three warehouses, one watchtower, 23 vehicles, two Coast Guard boats, two water tanks (each with a capacity of 10,000 litres), 70 oxygen cylinders and 12,000 food baskets, among other items. This attack immediately deprived tens of thousands of families of life-saving aid and consequently prevents the access of aid and commercial goods intended to reach millions of Yemenis in the future. The Houthis are deliberately exacerbating humanitarian suffering and pushing Yemen closer to a looming famine.

The Houthi militias' actions violate international humanitarian law, international human rights law and international law. The international community's disregard for such Houthi violations and recurrent crimes against civilians and civilian objects in Yemen has created a sense of impunity and emboldened the Houthis to continue their heinous offences against the people and infrastructure of Yemen.

Finally, I would like to reiterate the Government of Yemen's call upon the Security Council and the international community to condemn the Houthi militias' crimes and hold them accountable, and recall that silence will be interpreted only as impunity by the Houthi militias.



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 also issued as a document of the Council.

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