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Letter dated 4 April 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 on 2 April 2019 the Royal Saudi Air Defence forces detected two drones heading towards civilian objects in the city of Khamis Mushait in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They were directed at densely populated civilian areas by the Iranian-backed Houthi militias, and were intercepted and destroyed according to the rules of engagement.

As a result of the interception of the two hostile Houthi drones, debris has scattered across two civilian areas, resulting in injuries to five civilians, including a woman and a child, in addition to damage to some houses and to four vehicles.

The continuous attempts by the Iranian-backed terrorist Houthi militia to target civilians and civilian objects through unmanned aerial vehicles and remote-controlled explosive speedboats are hostile attacks emanating from Hudaydah Governorate specifically at a time when the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen is adhering to the ceasefire in Hudaydah, as defined by the Stockholm Agreement. The militia, in committing such hostile terrorist acts, seeks to provoke Coalition forces into conducting military operations in Hudaydah Governorate.

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.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia warns the Iranian-backed terrorist Houthi militia in the strongest terms against targeting civilians and civilian objects, and that their use of such terrorist tactics in suicidal attacks will be categorically and decisively deterred. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen will take all deterrence measures in accordance with international humanitarian law.

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
