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### **Letter dated 25 June 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 23 June 2019 a terrorist drone attack by the Iranian-backed Houthi militia hit Abha International Airport in Asir province in south-western Saudi Arabia, through which thousands of civilian passengers of different nationalities pass daily. This terrorist act resulted in the killing of one civilian person and the injuring of 21 civilians of different nationalities, including women and children.

The terrorist Iran-backed Houthi militia claimed through its media full responsibility for this terrorist attack. Authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia found out that an “Ababeel/Qasef” drone was used for this attack, which proves this terrorist militia’s acquisition of new special weapons. The continuation of targeting civilians and civilian properties in such a systematic manner amounts to a war crime and the continued violation of relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions, including resolutions [2140 \(2014\)](#), [2216 \(2015\)](#), [2231 \(2015\)](#), [2451 \(2018\)](#) and [2452 \(2019\)](#).

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Coalition to Support Legitimacy in Yemen will implement strict measures to deter this terrorist militia and ensure the protection of civilians and civilian properties. In addition, terrorist operatives responsible for the planning and execution of this terrorist attack will be held accountable, in accordance with international humanitarian law and its customary rules.

Finally, my delegation requests that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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