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Letter dated 19 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instruction from my Government, I am writing to inform you about an attempted terrorist attack that was planned to target an oil tanker (*Gladiolus*) flying the flag of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 90 nautical miles south-east of the Yemeni port of Nishtun. The failed terrorist attempt that was carried out on Tuesday, 3 March 2020, showed that it was the first time unmanned, remote-controlled exploding boats would have been used in the Gulf of Aden. It proves that the Houthi militia is expanding its terrorist acts that threaten maritime security in the Gulf of Aden and the south of the Red Sea.

Therefore, as these attacks aim to jeopardize the efforts of the United Nations to reach a comprehensive political solution in Yemen and to raise regional and international tension, we urge the Security Council to shoulder its responsibility and exercise maximum efforts towards the Houthi militia backed by Iran to stop their threat to global energy security, the sea lines of communication and international trade.

I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdallah Y. Al-Mouallimi
Permanent Representative

