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Letter dated 19 October 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I am writing to you further to my letter dated 21 November 2019 addressed to the President of the Security Council, which was issued as a document of the Security Council on 25 November 2019 (S/2019/904), regarding the Iranian regime's decision to accept, on 19 November 2019, the credentials of the Houthi representative as ambassador to Iran and to hand over to him the premises of the diplomatic mission of Yemen, thus enabling an insurrectionist militia to act on behalf of a State Member of the United Nations.

In that connection, I should like to draw your attention to the statements made on 17 October 2020 by the spokesperson of the rogue Iranian regime's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Said Khatibzadeh, and published on the website of the Fars News Agency announcing that the regime had dispatched an "ambassador", Hassan Irlou, to Sana'a.

The Government of the Republic of Yemen reiterates that the Iranian regime, by continuing to engage in such conduct, is violating international law and the international obligations of Iran under the Charter of the United Nations, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and Security Council resolution 2216 (2015), in paragraph 11 of which the Council, among other things, reaffirms the principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular premises and the obligations of host Governments. The Iranian regime's actions represent a clear challenge to the international community and constitute grave precedents that affect the heart of the sovereign rights of the States Members of our august Organization, because those precedents would allow rogue States and regimes to empower rebels and those who would perpetrate coups to undermine and violate the sovereignty of States and seize their fixed and movable assets. In fact, the regime's conduct establishes a precedent for rogue States to send representatives to insurrectionist and terrorist rebel groups.

The Iranian regime, by sending one of its terrorist members to serve as its ambassador, is enabling a rebel militia that perpetrated a coup to act on behalf of a State Member of the United Nations, the Republic of Yemen, and clearly confirming its ill intentions towards Yemen. Since the establishment of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Iranian regime has continuously challenged the international community through its deliberately hostile diplomatic relations with other countries, beginning with the storming and occupation of the Embassy of the United States of America, followed by its actions against my country's embassy and its hostile actions with regard to the Embassy and Consulate of Saudi Arabia, and culminating with the



dispatch of this envoy as ambassador to the rebels. This most recent action is a continuation of the regime's hostile conduct and its schemes to support the Iranian Houthi militias against the Republic of Yemen and the Yemeni people.

My country's Government believes that defending the rules of international law is a collective endeavour that is the responsibility of all the States Members of the United Nations. Accordingly, the Republic of Yemen calls upon the Security Council to condemn this disgraceful conduct, in order to safeguard the rules governing international relations and prevent the conduct of Iran from serving as a dangerous precedent for international relations. That notwithstanding, my Government reaffirms its right to take whatever measures it deems appropriate in order to preserve its rights. In addition, the Government of the Republic of Yemen reaffirms that any actions that have been taken in its name by the occupied embassy in Tehran since the date on which the Government severed diplomatic relations with the Iranian regime are null and void.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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