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Letter dated 18 January 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I write to transmit information regarding the terrorist attacks that targeted my country yesterday. I also wish to request a meeting of the Security Council on these heinous attacks.

On 17 January 2022, at 10 a.m. (local time), the Houthi militias targeted civilian infrastructure in the United Arab Emirates: the Musaffah ICAD 3 area and the new construction area at Abu Dhabi International Airport. The Houthis used three cruise missiles with a range of 1,350 km: two targeting the construction area at Abu Dhabi airport and one targeting the petroleum tankers in the ICAD 3 area. One missile and a number of bomb-laden unmanned aerial vehicles were also intercepted. Those attacks caused the deaths of civilians, namely, two Indian nationals and one Pakistani national, with six other civilians injured, as a result of the explosion of three petroleum tankers. The Houthis have confirmed that they are responsible for these heinous attacks.

The United Arab Emirates strongly condemns the Houthis' targeting of civilians and civilian objects in flagrant violation of international law. The United Arab Emirates expresses its condolences to the families of the deceased and wishes those injured a speedy recovery.

The United Arab Emirates also reaffirms its sovereign right to take all the measures necessary to protect the security and stability of its territory and the safety of its citizens and residents from any terrorist attacks, in accordance with its obligations under international law.

This illegal and alarming escalation is a further step in the Houthis' efforts to spread terrorism and chaos in our region. It is another attempt by the Houthis, using the capabilities that they have unlawfully acquired in defiance of United Nations sanctions, to threaten peace and security.

The United Arab Emirates calls upon the Security Council to speak with one voice and join in firmly and unequivocally condemning these terrorist attacks, which were launched in complete disregard of international law. Intelligence gathered by the United Arab Emirates has identified further threats, making urgent action by the Security Council all the more essential.

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

(Signed) Lana Nusseibeh
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

