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**Letter dated 2 May 2025 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Further to our letters of 12 January 2024, 26 January 2024 and 5 February 2024, I am writing to the Security Council regarding additional precision strikes conducted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in a joint operation with United States forces against Houthi military targets on the territory of Yemen on 29 April 2025. This action was in line with long-standing policy of the United Kingdom Government, following the Houthis' initiating their campaign of attacks in November 2023, threatening freedom of navigation in the Red Sea, striking international ships and killing innocent merchant mariners. These additional precision strikes were further necessary and proportionate measures taken in addition to those already reported to the Security Council.

Houthi militants have continued to carry out attacks against shipping in the Red Sea since our last letter. Careful intelligence analysis identified a cluster of buildings used by the Houthis to manufacture drones of the type used to attack ships in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Royal Air Force Typhoon FGR4s therefore engaged a number of these buildings using precision-guided bombs, once very careful planning had been completed to allow the targets to be prosecuted with minimal risk to civilians or non-military infrastructure.

The strikes were necessary and proportionate measures taken in the exercise of the collective self-defence of the United States. The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is prepared to take additional measures against the Houthis in self-defence as may be necessary to respond to ongoing attacks or threats of attacks.

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