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Letter dated 29 June 2022 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing in response to the letter dated 4 April 2022 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2022/287) wherein baseless justifications by Iran were made.

Iran's support for the terrorist militia in the region is evident. The conclusive evidence proves Iran's involvement in fuelling an enduring instability in the region and jeopardizing the safety of civilians. Iran continues its violations of Security Council resolutions, ignoring the international community and international law, to which United Nations reports attest. I would like, in this regard, to bring to your kind attention, and that of the Security Council, a few examples below.

The report of the Panel of Experts on Yemen (S/2022/50) finds several critical pieces of evidence, which strongly support that the Islamic Republic of Iran has been smuggling weapons to Yemen, in violation of Security Council resolution 2140 (2014). For instance, the report states that, when the Panel of Experts inspected a *shu'ay* dhow, which was heading to Yemen from the port of Jask in southern Iran and was interdicted by the USS *Monterrey* in the Arabian Sea on 6 May 2021, a variety of rifles and launchers were found on the dhow. The report depicts that, among those assault rifles and launchers, "164 have technical characteristics and markings consistent with manufacture in the Islamic Republic of Iran" and that "the AM-50 anti-material rifles and the RPG-7 launchers have technical characteristics and markings consistent with those produced in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

Furthermore, the consequences of Iranian behaviour in nurturing terrorist militias in the region have surpassed affecting the Yemeni people and are also impacting the safety and security of other neighbouring countries, with links to attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure in my country. In this regard, I would like to refer to the thirteenth report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolution 2231 (2015) (S/2022/490), which states that: "The Secretariat examined the debris of nine ballistic missiles and six cruise missiles launched towards the territories of Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates since early 2020. It observed design characteristics and parts consistent with those of missiles that it had examined previously and assessed the missiles and/or parts thereof to be of Iranian origin also." Such involvements of the Iranian regime are yet another blatant example of how Iran violates its commitments and obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, international law and Security Council resolutions.





These Iranian violations come instead of contributing to the development, stability and assistance of Yemen and the region. I would like to assert the fact that the prolongation of the war in Yemen is part of Iran's brutal policies, attesting to its ongoing atrocities by supporting the terrorist Houthi militia and other terrorist militias in our region.

Finally, we call upon the Security Council to shoulder its responsibility to confront this devastation and these acts of sabotage and to halt the destruction that Iran is spreading, in particular by lending support to various terrorist organizations.

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

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