



## Security Council

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### **Identical letters dated 7 November 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to bring to your attention continued military hostilities by Houthi militias, military units loyal to the former President of Yemen, Ali Abdullah Saleh, and their allies against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, including the most recent (4 November 2017) indiscriminate launch of an Iranian-made ballistic missile from within Yemeni territory against Riyadh, the capital city of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in a flagrant violation of international law and in what may amount to a war crime.

We reaffirm that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is taking appropriate measures to respond to those terrorist acts, to counter the acts of aggression of the foreign-funded and -backed Houthi-Saleh terrorist militias and to protect the security and safety of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia confirmed, through the examination of the debris of the missiles launched on 4 November 2017 and on 22 July 2017, the role of the Iranian regime in manufacturing the missiles. That, along with multiple interdictions of weapons originating in Iran and suspected to be on their way to Yemen, is a flagrant violation of Security Council resolutions [2216 \(2015\)](#) and [2231 \(2015\)](#). Moreover, Iran's continued role in smuggling weapons to the Houthis and the direct involvement of Hezbollah in the transfer and operation of weapon technology, including ballistic missile capability, is a clear sign of Iran's complete disregard for its international obligations and clear evidence of its hostile and reckless behaviour and its support for violence and terrorism threatening the security of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the region and the world.

We call upon the United Nations to take the action necessary to hold the Iranian regime accountable for those violations.

The Houthi militias' and their allies' continued resort to violence since the beginning of the crisis in Yemen and their refusal to return to legitimacy and abide by the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#), have resulted in the catastrophic and deteriorating humanitarian situation in Yemen and are further obstructing the political solution to the conflict.

We once again call upon the United Nations to condemn the terrorist acts by the Houthis and their allies and take appropriate measures against Iran for its continued support for and association with the Houthi militias and forces loyal to



the former President, Ali Abdullah Saleh, in their terrorist crimes and their threat to the region's security and safety and international peace and security.

We would appreciate it if the present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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