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Letter dated 7 April 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith an official letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman regarding the submission by the Republic of Yemen on 7 January 2015 of a list of geographical coordinates relating to its maritime baseline (see annex).

The above-mentioned letter reflects the Sultanate of Oman's disagreement with the Yemeni coordinates and emphasizes enforcing the sovereignty of the Sultanate of Oman over its territorial waters, according to the "Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary" signed between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Yemen in 2003.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 74.

(Signed) Mohamed **Al Hassan**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 7 April 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

[Original: Arabic]

Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman

The Sultanate of Oman notes that on 7 January 2015, the Republic of Yemen submitted to the United Nations a list of geographic coordinates relating to its maritime baseline, in accordance with Republic of Yemen Act No. 26 (2014) establishing the maritime baseline of the Republic of Yemen, enacted on 23 November 2014.

The Sultanate wishes to state that the Yemeni baseline point at coordinates 16° 38' 51.62" N, 053° 06' 37.22" E does not match the Agreement on the Delimitation of the Maritime Boundary signed between the Sultanate of Oman and the Republic of Yemen in 2003. The coordinates of the Yemeni baselines should begin from the Yemeni coast and not on the agreed maritime boundary line.

The Sultanate of Oman stresses that it will assert its sovereignty over its waters based on the above-mentioned maritime border agreement signed between the two countries.
