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Letter dated 22 February 2021 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to you regarding the continued Houthi militias large-scale attacks that started on 7 February 2021 on Ma'rib Governorate, which is home to over 2 million internally displaced persons who fled the Houthis' grave violations in areas under their control. The continuation of these Houthi attacks will create large waves of displacement for millions of civilians, which will exacerbate the already catastrophic humanitarian situation in Yemen. These attacks constitute blatant defiance of the international community's calls for a political and peaceful end to the war in Yemen, and I would like to note here the following points regarding the Houthis' crimes against civilians in Ma'rib city and the camps for internally displaced persons:

- The Laflaj Almelh camp is still under Houthi fire, including canon and mortar shelling since 8 February 2021. This has forced 47 families to flee the camp towards the Dhona Alsawabin camp, while three families, including women and children, are still besieged and under fire.
- On 8 February 2021, 570 families in the Alzoor camp were under Houthi fire, including mortar shelling and 23 mm gunfire. This forced some of those families to flee the camp towards Ma'rib city. On 11 February 2021 the Houthis resumed the shelling, which forced all the remaining families to flee the camp. On 14 February 2021, the Houthis stormed the camp, set a number of houses on fire and planted mines on the roads to the camp and inside the residences.
- The Houthis targeted the Dhona Alsawabin camp with canon and mortar shelling, as well as heavy artillery, which forced 450 families to flee the camp towards Rawdhat Surwah. The Houthis blocked all the roads to the camp, preventing another 470 families from fleeing in order to use them as human shields.

These attacks confirm the Government of Yemen's repeated warnings that the Houthis do not believe in peace and thrive only by the sounds of cannons. Therefore, the Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council to exert the utmost pressure and take the necessary deterrent measures against the Houthis to immediately stop these attacks, abandon their plans to prolong the conflict, and engage in good faith with the United Nations-led peace process.



I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter to be available to the members of the Security Council for their valuable consideration and for it to be issued as a document of the Council.

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