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Letter dated 21 April 2022 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 7 April 2022 ([S/2022/300](#)), in which you updated me on the steps taken by the United Nations to address the grave threat posed by the *Safer* oil tanker to the Red Sea and beyond, has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. The members appreciate the information provided and welcome your initiative, and the United Nations operational plan, to urgently address this potential humanitarian, environmental and ecological disaster before it strikes.

The Security Council, in its deliberations, has indeed repeatedly underscored the urgency of the matter and has sought to facilitate efforts by the United Nations to assist in addressing this threat. The members welcome being kept abreast of ongoing developments regarding the implementation of the operational plan. They are aware that, as you state in the letter, the plan envisages the provision of a replacement export capacity equivalent to the *Safer* oil tanker within 18 months of the necessary funds being mobilized and secured and the procurement contract being signed.

The members also underline the necessity of the Houthis' fulfilling their obligations in accordance with the memorandum of understanding signed on 5 March, in order to promptly address the threat posed by the *Safer*.

The members express their desire for the speedy implementation of the operational plan. In this regard, they recognize the budgetary requirements set out in your letter and underscore their desire for all Member States and other potential donors to fully fund the operational plan, including at the pledging conference in May.

(Signed) Barbara Woodward
President of the Security Council

