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Letter dated 15 May 2019 from the Permanent Representatives of Norway, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from our respective Governments, we are writing to draw your attention to a serious incident relating to international peace and security. This incident posed a threat to the safety and security of international shipping and maritime navigation.

On 12 May 2019, four commercial vessels – two Saudi-flagged, one Norwegian-flagged, and one Emirati-flagged – were targeted and damaged in the territorial waters of the United Arab Emirates, east of the port of Fujairah.

While the deliberate attacks did not result in any casualties, or spillage of oil or harmful chemicals, this could have occurred. The attacks damaged the hulls of at least three of the vessels, threatened the safety and lives of those on board, and could have led to an environmental disaster. Operations within the port of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates, have continued as normal without any interruption.

The United Arab Emirates is conducting thorough investigations, in cooperation with the Kingdom of Norway and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as flag States, and with regional and international partners. We will ensure that you are updated on the results.

The United Arab Emirates is also notifying the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization of these attacks.

We would be grateful if you could arrange for the present letter to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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