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Identical letters dated 18 September 2019 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 am writing to you to bring to your attention the cowardly and heinous terrorist attack that targeted Saudi Aramco's oil facilities in Abqaiq and Khurays on Saturday, 14 September 2019. These attacks did not only target the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, but international energy supplies and the security of the global economy as well. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has total ability to protect its vital oil and economic assets, national gains and, most importantly, citizens and residents. We are dealing with a terrorist attack of typical terrorist and extremist group tactics.

All preliminary signs and indicators reveal that this attack did not emanate from Yemeni lands as claimed by the terrorist Houthi militia, and that the weapons used were Iranian-made. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will adopt all necessary procedures in accordance with international law.

I am enclosing with the present letter the statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 16 September 2019 inviting the United Nations and international experts to view the situation on the ground and to participate in the investigations (see annex).

Finally, my delegation requests that the present letter and its annex be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative



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Statement

In an unprecedented act of aggression and sabotage, petroleum facilities in the Kingdom that are vital for global energy supplies were subjected to an attack on Saturday, September 14, 2019, which resulted in the suspension of approximately 50% of Saudi Aramco's production, as noted by the Ministry of Energy's statement.

Initial investigations have indicated that the weapons used in the attack were Iranian weapons. Investigations are still ongoing to determine the source of the attack. The Kingdom condemns this egregious crime, which threatens international peace and security, and affirms that the primary target of this attack is global energy supplies, as this attack is in line with the previous attacks against Saudi Aramco pumping stations using Iranian weapon.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia expresses its appreciation for the positions taken by the international community that have condemned and denounced this act. The kingdom calls upon the international community to assume its responsibility in condemning those that stand behind this act, and to take a firm and clear position against this reckless behavior that threatens the global economy.

As the investigations are ongoing, the Kingdom will invite UN and International experts to view the situation on the ground and to participate in the investigations. The Kingdom will take the appropriate measures based on the results of the investigation, to ensure its security and stability. The Kingdom affirms that it has the capability and resolve to defend its land and people, and to forcefully respond to these aggressions.
