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### **Letter dated 2 October 2019 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council**

I am writing to you regarding the 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 ([S/2019/758](#)), in which he claimed that the weapons used in the attack against the oil facilities of that country on 14 September 2019 were Iranian-made. The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects this baseless claim.

After almost five years of aggression, death and destruction, as well as committing all types of brutalities in Yemen, the least of which are targeting school buses, attacking wedding and funeral ceremonies, destroying mosques, schools and hospitals, killing innocent children, as well as using starvation as a war tactic, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is desperately attempting, through fabrication and disinformation, to distract attention away from all of the crimes it has committed in flagrant violation of the basic principles of humanity and rules of international law, particularly international humanitarian law entailing its international responsibility.

It is not surprising that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia accuses Iran yet again, as it has become the standard practice of the Kingdom's officials since their invasion of Yemen. It is evident that no amount of smear campaigning can conceal or change the realities. The truth is that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, relying on the all-out political, intelligence and logistical support of the United States and certain Western countries, and based on a clear misperception and miscalculation, has aggressed Yemen, and the nation of Yemen is defending against the aggression. This, of course, is an inherent right. No nation stands idly by in the face of aggressors, and the nation of Yemen is no exception.

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia underestimated the courage and defensive capabilities of Yemen almost five years ago and underestimates it now. The ambitious expansionist regional policies of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – manifested in the recent futile attempts of this country and its regional ally to disintegrate Yemen – together with its miscalculation about the defensive capabilities of Yemen, has placed the whole region in turmoil. Therefore, instead of accusing and blaming others, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia must accept the realities and stop its aggression against Yemen, thus providing the ground for progress in regional and international efforts for the peaceful resolution of this crisis.

The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its longstanding principled position that the crisis in Yemen has no military solution and can be settled only through peaceful



means. The right to determine the fate and future of Yemen belongs exclusively to the people of Yemen. Accordingly, the international community should support a Yemeni-led and Yemeni-owned, United Nations-facilitated political process.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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