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Letter dated 20 January 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I would like to inform you of the heinous crime perpetrated by the Houthi militias on Saturday, 18 January 2020, which targeted soldiers and trainees from the Presidential Guard Unit and other units in a mosque at “Al-Istikbal Base” in Ma’rib Governorate. This cowardly terrorist attack, in which more than 100 people were killed and tens of others were injured, including civilians in a place of worship, represents a clear violation of all international and humanitarian norms.

This crime is the latest in a series of terrorist crimes committed against the Yemeni people, both civilians and military personnel, by the Houthi militias who incited a war that resulted in the world’s worst humanitarian crisis.

This criminal act unequivocally proves that the Houthi militias are seeking to undermine and pre-empt all efforts and endeavours to end the war and achieve sustainable peace in Yemen. Hence, the Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council to categorically condemn in the strongest terms this cowardly terrorist attack. The international community’s silence and disregard for such heinous crimes only encourage the Houthi militias to continue their crimes and terrorist activities against the people of Yemen and undermine the chances of achieving peace in Yemen.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated to all members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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