



H.E. Mr. Zhang Jun
President of the Security Council
United Nations
New York

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Excellency,

I am writing to you to report the series of disturbing acts of illegal attacks that threaten the security of Israel and the stability of the entire region.

On at least four different occasions in recent days, since the October 7th massacre in southern Israel, the Houthis, an armed group and an entity listed by the UNSCR 2140 Sanctions Committee (Yemen), have launched different kinds of missiles and UAVs aiming at the sovereign territory of Israel. On October 19, the Houthis fired 5 cruise missiles towards Israel, as well as 30 Samad-3 UAVs. On October 27th, the armed group attacked Israel with a Toofan cruise missile, and tried to penetrate Israel's air space with 2 UAVs. On October 31st, the Houthis fired a Toofan ground-to-ground missile at Israel's southernmost city, Eilat, as well as 2 cruise missiles. There were also reports of a Houthi-operated drone invasion that same day (31st). On November 1st there was another attempted attack against Israel, this time using 4 to 6 UAVs. The Houthis claimed responsibility for all these attacks.

These attacks, perpetrated by the Houthis are a flagrant violation of Israel's sovereignty and territorial integrity. In addition, it is also a violation of UNSCR 2216 (2015). Israel has the right to take every necessary and legitimate measure to defend itself, its citizens and its territory from these malicious attacks, in line with its inherent right of self-defense.

Beyond the clear illegality of these attacks by the Houthis, these actions could potentially have broad and dangerous regional and global repercussions. Iran's active support and significant involvement in the Houthis' armed actions, in this and other contexts, is widely known. Indeed, Iran's destabilizing actions are prominent throughout the region, as attested by its blatant and profound involvement in Syria, in Lebanon and in Gaza, and the threats towards Israel it has actively supported for many years and in recent events as well.



I call upon the Security Council to unequivocally condemn the Houthis' attacks against Israel before these dangerous attacks further deteriorate the stability and security of the region.

I would be grateful, Excellency, if this communication could be circulated amongst Security Council members, as well as to the Chairperson of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014). I would like to inform you that an identical letter has been sent to H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to be 'G. Erdan'.

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Ambassador of Israel to the United Nations

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