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### Letter dated 6 February 2024 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

As my Government previously reported to the Security Council, Yemen-based Houthi militants have engaged in a series of illegal and reckless armed attacks against United States military forces, including ships and aircraft, and against maritime commercial shipping, operating in the Red Sea, the Bab al-Mandab strait and the Gulf of Aden. In response to these armed attacks, the United States has taken necessary and proportionate measures in the exercise of its inherent right of self-defence, as described in prior letters provided to this Council on 12 and 26 January. The present letter serves to provide a further update to the Council on measures the United States is taking against Houthi militants in the exercise of its inherent right of self-defence.

In response to continued Houthi attacks against United States Navy ships, and the threat of future attacks, the United States has taken further actions against Houthi militants. Notably, on 3 February, the United States, as part of a multinational operation alongside the United Kingdom, with support from Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands and New Zealand, conducted additional strikes in Yemen against facilities, locations and equipment associated with the Houthis' missile and air surveillance capabilities, unmanned aerial vehicle capabilities and command and control capabilities.

The United States took these necessary and proportionate actions in the exercise of its inherent right of self-defence, as reflected in Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations. The purpose for which the United States has taken these military actions against the Houthi militants, and the circumstances under which they have been taken, are further described in the letters referenced above.

These narrowly tailored strikes are specific to the situation in the Red Sea and do not constitute a shift in our approach to other conflicts. We continue to urge all State and non-State entities not to take action that would escalate into a broader regional conflict.

I request that the present letter be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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