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Letter dated 26 January 2024 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to our letter of 12 January 2024, I am writing to report to the Security Council that on 22 January 2024 the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland conducted additional precision strikes against Houthi military targets on the territory of Yemen in exercise of the inherent right of individual self-defence.

Houthi militants have continued to carry out attacks against shipping in the Red Sea since our last letter. Houthi statements have reaffirmed their intention to target American and British ships in the Red Sea and wider areas.

The 22 January strikes were conducted in response to the ongoing threat to British ships. The strikes were necessary and proportionate measures taken in exercise of the individual right of self-defence.

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

(Signed) James **Kariuki**

