## <u>Press Releases: Condemning the Houthi</u> <u>Missile Strike Against Saudi Arabia</u>

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The United States strongly condemns the reckless Houthi missile attack today on Riyadh. We remain deeply disturbed by aggressive Houthi actions supported by Iran's provision of advanced weapons, which threaten regional security and prolong the Yemen conflict. The United States calls on Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps to stop arming and enabling the Houthis' violent actions against Yemen's neighbors, including Saudi Arabia.

A political solution is the only way to advance long-term stability in Yemen and end the suffering of the Yemeni people. We urge all parties to immediately cease hostilities, avoid retaliatory measures and return to political negotiations under the auspices of the United Nations.

The United States also remains deeply concerned by the dire humanitarian conditions in Yemen. We continue to urge all parties to facilitate the free and unfettered flow of humanitarian aid and commercial goods, including fuel, into and throughout Yemen, including through all of Yemen's ports, including Hudaydah port and Sana'a airport.

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