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Rule 138

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Subject: Commission condemnation of terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia and action taken vis-à-vis

supporters of the attacks

Two confirmed terrorist attacks, later claimed by the Yemeni rebel Houthi movement, have recently taken place in Saudi Arabia, on facilities owned by the national company Saudi Aramco.

These drone attacks have caused extreme concern on the global petroleum market because Saudi Arabia is one of the main oil-extraction countries, thus increasing tensions in the Gulf between Teheran on the one hand and Saudi Arabia and the US on the other.

According to the international press, it is 'very likely' that the attack was launched with cruise missiles from a base in Iran, close to the border with Iraq.

Those sources have ruled out the possibility that the missiles had been launched from the south, particularly from emplacements as far away as in Yemen.

In the light of the above:

- 1. Will the Commission condemn these terrorist attacks that jeopardise not only human lives but also peace and security?
- 2. Will it take action vis-à-vis countries that are directly or indirectly complicit in attacks intended to destabilise the political balances in areas such as the Middle East?

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