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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 9263th meeting of the Security Council, held on 18 February 2023, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Urgent Situation In Yemen", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its grave concern at the continued deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Yemen, and the devastating humanitarian impact of the conflict on civilians. The Security Council recognises with concern that an estimated number of 21.6 million people require humanitarian assistance and protection in Yemen. It furthermore expresses its deep concerns as Houthi terrorists continue to break the agreed ceasefire.

"The Security Council reaffirms its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations and further reaffirms its previous relevant resolutions and presidential statements addressing peacekeeping.

"The Security Council encourages all UN Members to use all channels available to settle the current violence in Yemen to a rapid ending by influencing the involved conflict parties.

"The Security Council underscores the importance of peacekeeping as one of the most effective tools available to the United Nations in the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security, and reaffirms the basic principles of peacekeeping, such as consent of the parties, impartiality, and non-use of force, except in self-defense and defense of the mandate.

"The Security Council calls for continued efforts in imposing sanctions whenever necessary as in Security Council Resolutions 2140 (2014), 2216 (2015), especially resolutions pertaining to arms embargoes such as Resolutions 2624 (2022), and 2675 (2023). It furthermore encourages renewing such sanctions and embargoes whenever necessary.

"The Security Council affirms that extending the Yemen asset freeze and travel ban measures until 15 November 2023 and the mandate of the Yemen Panel of Experts until 15 December 2023 will further limit the supply of resources to terrorist groups, thereby lowering their capacities.

"The Security Council recalls the importance of Member States providing the Committee with timely and up-to-date information on possible violations of arms embargoes, in order to identify and combat the sources and supply chains of illegal trafficking.

"The Security Council notes the progress made in efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General to mobilize all partners and stakeholders in support of more effective United Nations peacekeeping through his initiatives "Action for Peacekeeping" and "Action for Peacekeeping +", which highlights the importance of, inter alia, strategic communications in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

"The Security Council requests the Secretary-General to ensure that regular reports to the Security Council on individual peacekeeping operations include, as applicable, information on the actions and impact of strategic communications for mandated activities in the Republic of Yemen and in general.



“The Security Council reiterates its commitment to the 2023 Humanitarian Response Plan for Yemen, laying out that humanitarian response in Yemen will support people facing multiple vulnerabilities, including but not limited to internally displaced persons and those attempting to return, Muhamasheen, persons with disabilities, and migrants and refugees.

“The Security Council reaffirms the need for all parties to comply with their obligations under international law, including international humanitarian law and stressing the need to ensure accountability for violations of international humanitarian law and the violation and abuse of human rights in Yemen.

“The Security Council emphasizes the importance of collaboration with humanitarian organizations active in Yemen, such as The International Committee of the Red Cross, and funding of UN Programmes as for example the United Nations World Food Programme when considering that 17 million Yemeni people are currently affected by a famine. The Security Council is in full support of further UN bodies focused on providing water, food and sanitation.

“The Security Council underlines that acts of terrorism can seriously exacerbate conflicts in affected regions, leading to further Member States and their citizens being limited in their enjoyment of human rights and peace and undermining global stability.

“The Security Council recommends the Yemeni Government to issue an immediate closure of the flight zone above Yemen in order to prevent an escalation of the conflict in the form of future drone or missile attacks.”

“The Security Council expresses its support for the Yemeni victims of terrorism and their families, Japanese and French UN personnel and their families, Chinese persons in hostage situations and their families and Emirati deaths related to defensive measures.

“The Security Council expresses its sympathy to the families of the victims and the victims themselves, upholds those who have survived similar attacks by terrorist organizations, including gender and sexual-based violence, highlights the need of protecting and promoting the rights of terrorist victims, and reaffirms its resolute solidarity with Member States that have been the target of terrorist attacks.