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Letter dated 17 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to convey to you the position of the Government of Yemen regarding any intended Security Council resolution or product on Yemen (see annex).

It would be greatly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council and circulated to the members of the Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 17 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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- The last round of peace consultations, held in Sweden from 6 to 13 December 2018, reached achievable outcomes that, if implemented, will directly alleviate the humanitarian suffering. With those outcomes, the situation in Yemen after the consultations in Sweden is different to the one before the consultations. Therefore, any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should not be of the same structure or content as the draft presented by the United Kingdom before the last round of peace consultations, as that would hinder peace efforts in Yemen.
- Any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should be a technical product, specifying the United Nations mandate to monitor the Hudaydah agreement, and avoid having any political content. It should focus on providing support for implementing the outcomes of the round of consultations held in Sweden.
- Any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should put an emphasis on the Houthis' obligation to release prisoners, detainees, those forcibly disappeared and those under house arrest in a timely fashion, as well as to withdraw in a timely manner from the Governorate, city and ports of Hudaydah. It should also condemn the Houthi practices, witnessed during the first days after the round of consultations held in Sweden, of looting of and theft from all vital and private facilities in Hudaydah and its ports.
- As the Secretary-General asserted to President Hadi that the framework of negotiation was not an outcome of the consultations in Sweden, any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should not indicate that the framework was agreed upon in Sweden.
- Any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should not mention any time or venue for the next round of consultations. Without the full and timely implementation of the Swedish outcomes, a next round will be meaningless and will only allow the Houthis to continue to blackmail the international community in order to buy time and reinforce their fighting fronts.
- Any new Security Council resolution or product on Yemen should condemn the Houthis' destructive negotiating behaviour and its implication for the humanitarian situation. In particular, any Council product should condemn the Houthis' rejection of the proposal to open Sana'a airport to international flights via Aden international airport and the proposal to enhance the economic situation to allow for salary payments in the entire country, including in the areas under the Houthi militia's control. The Houthis' reluctance is unjustifiable and gravely affects the lives of millions of people trapped in areas under their control.