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Letter dated 16 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen on the suspension of the work of the Government's representatives in the Redeployment Coordination Committee to support the Hodaydah Agreement on 11 March 2020 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated to the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

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Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Yemen on the suspension of the work of the Government's representatives in the Redeployment Coordination Committee to support the Hudaydah Agreement

11 March 2020

In view of the continued escalation by the Houthi militia and their exploitation of the Hudaydah Agreement, and its subsequent ceasefire agreement, as a means to mobilize forces and escalate their absurd war,

In view of the Houthis' continued intransigence in implementing the provisions of the Hudaydah Agreement for over a year, restricting the freedom of movement of the United Nations Mission to Support the Hudaydah Agreement in an objectionable manner and undermining the work of the Chair and members of the Redeployment Coordination Committee and the work of the tripartite monitoring checkpoints,

In view of the Houthis' continued refusal to allow the United Nations technical team to inspect, assess and conduct the necessary maintenance operations on the floating tanker *Safer* off the coast of Hudaydah, despite the repeated calls of the Yemeni Government, the Security Council and the international community, to prevent an unprecedented environmental and humanitarian catastrophe in the Red Sea,

As a result of the continued violations by the Houthi militias in Hudaydah, the most recent of which targeted Colonel Mohammed al-Sulaihi, a government liaison officer, who was targeted while on duty at one of the monitoring checkpoints in Hudaydah,

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs announces the suspension of the work of the Government's representatives in the Redeployment Coordination Committee to support the Hudaydah Agreement and holds the Houthi militia fully responsible.
