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**Letter dated 29 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued by the Government of Yemen welcoming the call by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Martin Griffiths, to convene an urgent meeting to discuss a comprehensive ceasefire and mechanisms to unify efforts aimed at addressing a potential outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic in Yemen (see annex).

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

*(Signed)* Abdullah Ali Fadhel **Al-Saadi**  
Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



**Annex to the letter dated 29 March 2020 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

**Statement dated 29 March 2020 issued by the Government of Yemen welcoming the call by Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen for an urgent meeting to discuss a ceasefire in order to address the coronavirus pandemic**

The Government of Yemen welcomes the call by the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, Martin Griffiths, for an urgent meeting to discuss the appeal made by the Secretary-General for a comprehensive ceasefire in Yemen, in order to counter the threat posed by the spread of the coronavirus and agree upon a mechanism that consolidates all efforts and initiatives aimed at responding to the pandemic throughout Yemeni territory. That position stems from the Government's commitment to alleviating the suffering of Yemenis and doing what it can to spare Yemen the consequences of the potential spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Government of Yemen calls upon the international community and the Security Council to pressure the Houthi militias into responding unconditionally to that call and ceasing their unjustified violations and escalations, in particular in the light of the appeal made by the Secretary-General. Otherwise, those militias will bear full responsibility for the continuation of those violations, which will cause the Special Envoy's efforts to fail and undermine the peace process.

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