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President: Mr. Costa Filho (Brazil)

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Albania: Mr. Hoxha
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Agenda
The situation in the Middle East
Letter dated 13 June 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2022/484)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.05 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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The President: The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda.

Members of the Council have before them document S/2022/549, which contains the text of a draft resolution submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

I wish to draw the attention of Council members to document S/2022/484, which contains the text of a letter dated 13 June 2022 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council.

The Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. I shall put the draft resolution to the vote now.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Albania, Brazil, China, France, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway, Russian Federation, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President: The draft resolution received 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 2643 (2022).

I shall now give the floor to those members of the Council who wish to make statements after the voting.

Mr. Gallagher (Ireland): Ireland voted in favour of resolution 2643 (2022) today, renewing the United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA) for a further 12 months. We fully support the work of the Mission, under the leadership of Major General Michael Beary, and we thank the penholder, the United Kingdom, for its efforts.

The role of UNMHA is critical at this delicate moment for Yemen, including as a key interlocutor and mediator between the parties during the truce, its leading role on life-saving mine action and its engagement with local communities in Al-Hudaydah, not least with women’s organizations. We welcome that that is reflected in the text adopted today.

Ireland wishes to put on record its view that Security Council resolutions should remain grounded in evidence-based reporting that is available to all Security Council members. Language in this resolution that “expresses concern at accounts of the military use of the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa” is based on assessments that we do not all have access to, and therefore strays from usual precedent and practice at the Security Council.

It would also have been Ireland’s preference for this text to remain fully aligned with that of the original Hodeidah Agreement, on which the Mission’s capacity and focus remains.

Nonetheless, our support for UNMHA, for its leadership and for the role it plays on the ground remains steadfast. We are pleased to see unanimous agreement on its renewal today.

The meeting rose at 10.10 a.m.