Resolution 2481 (2019)

Adopted by the Security Council at its 8572nd meeting, on 15 July 2019

The Security Council,


Having considered the letters of the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council of 31 December 2018 and 12 June 2019, circulated as S/2019/28 and S/2019/485 respectively, which were submitted pursuant to its resolutions 2451 (2018) and 2452 (2019),

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the unity, sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Yemen and its commitment to stand by the people of Yemen,

Reaffirming its endorsement of the agreement reached in Sweden by the Government of Yemen and the Houthis on the City of Hodeidah and the Ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa (the Hodeidah Agreement), and reiterating its call on the parties to implement it,

1. Decides to extend until 15 January 2020 the mandate of the United Nations Mission to support the Hodeidah Agreement (UNMHA), to support the implementation of the Agreement on the City of Hodeidah and Ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa as set out in the Stockholm Agreement, circulated as S/2018/1134;

2. Decides further that, to support the parties in implementing their commitments in accordance with the Hodeidah Agreement, UNMHA shall undertake the following mandate:

   (a) to lead, and support the functioning of, the Redeployment Coordination Committee (RCC), assisted by a secretariat staffed by United Nations personnel, to oversee the governorate-wide ceasefire, redeployment of forces, and mine action operations,

   (b) to monitor the compliance of the parties to the ceasefire in Hodeidah governorate and the mutual redeployment of forces from the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif and Ras Issa,
(c) to work with the parties so that the security of the city of Hodeidah and the ports of Hodeidah, Salif, and Ras Issa is assured by local security forces in accordance with Yemeni law, and

(d) to facilitate and coordinate United Nations support to assist the parties to fully implement the Hodeidah Agreement;

3. Approves the proposals of the Secretary-General on the composition and operational aspects of UNMHA set out in the annex to his letter of 31 December 2018 to the President of the Council, and notes that the Mission will be headed by the Chair of the RCC at Assistant-Secretary-General level, reporting to the Secretary-General through the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Yemen and the Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs;

4. Underlines the importance of close collaboration and co-ordination between all United Nations entities operating in Yemen in order to prevent duplication of effort and to maximise the leveraging of existing resources, including the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen (OSESGY), the Resident/Humanitarian Co-ordinator and the UN Country Team in Yemen, UNMHA and the UN Verification and Inspection Mechanism (UNVIM);

5. Requests the Secretary-General to fully deploy UNMHA expeditiously, and calls on the parties to the Hodeidah Agreement to support the United Nations as set out in S/2019/28, including by ensuring the safety and security of UNMHA personnel, and the unhindered and expeditious movement into and within Yemen of UNMHA personnel and equipment, provisions and essential supplies;

6. Requests Member States, particularly neighbouring States, to support the United Nations as required for the implementation of UNMHA’s mandate;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the Security Council on a monthly basis on progress regarding the implementation of this resolution, including on any obstructions to the effective operation of UNMHA caused by any party; and on resolution 2451 (2018), including on any non-compliance by any party;

8. Further requests the Secretary-General to present to the Council a further review of UNMHA, within three months of the date of adoption of this resolution;

9. Decides to remain actively seized of the matter.