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### **Letter dated 17 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instructions from my Government, I have attached herewith a letter (see annex) concerning the Houthi-Saleh militias' violation of the ceasefire.

I would greatly appreciate it if the letter and its annex would be circulated to the members of the Security Council as a document of the Council.

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Ambassador  
Permanent Representative



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I would like to draw your attention to the most recent developments concerning the situation in Yemen. The ongoing consultations between the Government and the Houthi-Saleh militia is a step in the right direction. It has represented a hope to all Yemeni people to end this costly conflict, and start a real sustainable peace. However, since the announcement of the ceasefire that has been reflected in the letter of 6 December the President of the Republic of Yemen addressed to you hundreds of violations of the ceasefire by the Houthi-Saleh militia have continued.

The violations of the ceasefire by the Houthi-Saleh militia have taken place in a number of Governorates, especially in Taiz and Marib. The Houthi-Saleh militia has continued their acts of aggression against civilian targets and against the National Army and the resistance in an attempt to obstruct reaching peaceful solutions brokered by Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, the Secretary-General's Special Envoy. The table below lists details of some of the violations of the ceasefire.

<i>Number of violations</i>	<i>Governorates</i>	<i>Violations of the ceasefire</i>
More than 70	Taiz	– Shelling of densely populated neighbourhoods by missiles, tanks, mortars. Areas affected by the shelling are: Midtown, Al-Dhabab (West of Taiz), Al-Misrakh. Scores of innocent people have lost their lives and hundreds of others were wounded.
		– The Houthi-Saleh militia opened fire on innocent individuals in Al-Dhahi's Crossing, and denied their entry to the city.
		– The Houthi-Saleh militia targeted hospitals and schools, especially Al-Shaab and Al-Kubra Taiz High Schools.
		– The city is still under siege. Humanitarian assistance is blocked from entering Taiz, in an attempt to punish the people who stand against the coup and the militia.
	Marib	– The Houthi-Saleh militia has continued shelling the stations of the National Army and the Resistance. A number of the National Army were killed, and others wounded.
	Dhamar	– Houthi-Saleh militia kidnapped a group of individuals, causing clashes between the Houthi-Saleh militia's patrol and the local tribesmen.
	Ibb	– The Houthi-Saleh militia resumed its indiscriminate shelling of Al-Shaawer and Al-Ahmool counties in Hazm Al-Audain's geographical directorate.
		– The Houthi-Saleh militia killed Mohamed Abduh Al-Suraihi, from Badaan.
	Al-Baida	– The Houthi-Saleh militia violated the ceasefire in Al-Zaher by firing on citizens' cars and restricting their movement in Al-Gradi, Al-Zaher.
		– The militia kidnapped four brothers: Ali Abdullah Al-Takh, Mohamed Abdullah Al-Takh, Nasser Abdullah Al-Takh, and Ahmed Abdullah Al-Takh.
		– The militia is still seizing other houses in Al-Saleel.

Recent reports documented by human rights activists indicate the intensity of suffering inflicted upon the innocent people in these areas. Furthermore, the reports indicated grave violations of human rights, including through blocking the entry of humanitarian assistance, kidnapping, among others.

The Government of Yemen will continue to fulfil its commitments, will not respond to such kinds of aggression by the Houthi-Saleh militia, and will continue to work with the Special Envoy to reach a successful conclusion to the Consultation, and consequently realize a comprehensive sustainable peace. It is the Government's ethical and official responsibility to promote peace for the sake of our citizens who are suffering every day as a consequence of irresponsible actions by the Houthi-Saleh militia.

The Government of Yemen would also like to urge the United Nations and the international community to exercise further pressure on the Houthi-Saleh militia to abide by the ceasefire and to allow room for achieving peaceful solutions.

We request that this letter be circulated to all Security Council members in order to put them in the picture of the most recent developments since the announcement of the ceasefire and the start of Geneva Consultation II on 15 December.

*(Signed)* Khaled Hussein **Alyemany**  
Permanent Representative of the Republic of Yemen  
to the United Nations

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