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Letter dated 3 October 2022 from the Permanent Representative of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I am writing to you regarding the Houthis' refusal to extend and expand the truce. In this regard, I would like to inform the esteemed Council of the following:

The Government of Yemen regrets the failure of the efforts of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen to persuade the Houthi militias to choose the path of peace instead of war and their refusal to extend and expand the truce on 2 October 2022.

Despite the intransigence of the Houthi militias, the truce that had lasted since 2 April 2022 brought many benefits to a wide segment of the Yemeni people as a result of the concessions made by the Government of Yemen and the Arab coalition to alleviate human suffering by sparing no effort in showing all forms of flexibility and cooperation with the Special Envoy to overcome obstacles created by the Houthi militias.

The Government of Yemen dealt positively with the recent proposal of the Special Envoy and, by renewing the truce, sought to expand the benefits for all Yemenis, based on its keenness and exertion of all efforts to alleviate the suffering of all the Yemeni people in all governorates, without any discrimination. However, the Houthi militias proceeded to evade their obligations under the truce by fabricating successive complications to thwart it, behaviour that the Yemeni people are aware of and that is closely monitored by this esteemed Council and the international community.

Despite the Houthi militias' evasion of their obligations under the truce agreement and their incomprehensible intransigence in opening the roads in Ta'izz and other governorates, the Government of Yemen preserved and maintained the truce by excluding the fuel ships entering through the ports of Hudaydah from the procedures related to verifying that shipments were not connected to money-laundering and terrorist financing operations (anti-money-laundering/combating the financing of terrorism) or in violation of the international sanctions regimes imposed on Iranian oil.

In addition, the Government exceptionally facilitated international flights through Sana'a Airport without travellers' obtaining official travel documents.

Since the Stockholm Agreement in 2018, there has been no response to the appeals from the Government of Yemen to stop the Houthi militias from looting the revenues of Hudaydah ports and instead use those revenues to pay the salaries of civil



servants in the areas under the control of these militias in accordance with the 2014 payroll. These demands were renewed in the Special Envoy's proposal and the negotiations to expand the truce. However, the Houthi militias' continuing to prioritize the interests of their leaders and their sponsors in the Iranian regime prevented the suffering of the Yemeni people from being alleviated.

The Government of Yemen calls upon the Security Council and the international community to act seriously and responsibly with these terrorist militias in light of their recent serious threats, which they launched on their official websites, threatening to disturb international maritime navigation and target ships and oil infrastructure, which constitute a real threat to peace and security in Yemen, the region and the world. This makes listing this group and its leaders under the terrorism sanctions regimes an additional tool to push them to abandon the option of war and unconditionally engage in peace efforts led by the United Nations, as well as to prioritize dialogue and the interests of the Yemeni people over the war and the ambitions of the Iranian regime in the region.

The Government of Yemen emphasizes its appreciation for the efforts made by the Special Envoy to renew and expand the truce and continues to support him in leading the United Nations mediation to achieve a comprehensive, just and sustainable peace in Yemen, based on the agreed references, namely the Initiative of the Gulf Cooperation Council and its implementation mechanism, the outcomes of the comprehensive National Dialogue Conference and relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution [2216 \(2015\)](#).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter made available to the members of the Security Council for their valuable consideration and also issued as a document of the Council.

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