



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Junaid Suleman, First Secretary, during Interactive Dialogue with Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen at the 48th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

We take note of the report by the Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen.

We support dialogue and engagement as useful tools to advance the global human rights agenda. Our position on country specific actions is well known. This applies to the situation in Yemen as well.

We reiterate our support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Yemen.

We continue to believe that a political solution to the ongoing Yemen crisis is the only path to ensuring regional peace and stability.

To achieve this, we have and continue to urge all parties to the conflict in Yemen to engage in a meaningful dialogue to end the hostilities, in line with the UN Security Council Resolution 2216.

Ceasing fire and ending hostilities can create conditions conducive for the enjoyment and respect of human rights by all.

Addressing the humanitarian crisis in Yemen which has further aggravated due to COVID pandemic remains a major challenge. We urge all parties to allow, unhindered, sustained and safe access into and within Yemen for humanitarian aid, including food and medical supplies in accordance with the principles of international humanitarian law.

I thank you.