



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Afaq Ahmad, Counsellor, during an oral update of the Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen at 46th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

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

We reiterate our support for 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 consistently urged all parties to the conflict in Yemen to engage in a meaningful and peaceful 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.

In the past, we have witnessed various steps by the Coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen including unilateral declaration of ceasefire. However, this step was not reciprocated positively.

Even as efforts towards a political solution continue, it is critical to address the humanitarian crisis. We urge all parties to exercise restraint and allow rapid, unhindered, sustained and safe access into and within Yemen for aid workers and humanitarian aid, including medical supplies, as part of fulfillment of their obligations under international humanitarian law.

I thank you.