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**High Level Pledging Event
for the Humanitarian Response in Yemen
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Mr. President,

We thank the United Nations, Switzerland and Sweden for their leadership in convening today's High-level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Response in Yemen. Liechtenstein welcomes this opportunity to address the extremely serious humanitarian crisis in Yemen that is being exacerbated by ongoing conflict and violence. The humanitarian needs of the population far outweigh the humanitarian resources available. Almost 19 million Yemenis are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection, 17 million people are affected by food insecurity and millions of people are on the brink of famine.

Since the escalation of the conflict in March 2015, Liechtenstein has provided CHF 200'000 for humanitarian projects in Yemen. Our most recent contribution of CHF 100'000 has been disbursed at the beginning of April 2017. We will continue to closely monitor the situation in Yemen which will be the basis for our possible future contributions.

The continued allegations of violations and abuses of human rights and international humanitarian law in Yemen by all parties to the conflict are of great concern to us. The reported attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure are unacceptable. So are the recruitment of

children and the significant increase of sexual and gender-based violence. We particularly call on all parties to refrain from damaging infrastructure that is necessary for the provision of humanitarian aid. We urge all parties to the conflict to fully respect international human rights and humanitarian law and to ensure unfettered humanitarian access to the affected population.

Despite the calls by the international community to refrain from these atrocities, the civilian population continues to be targeted. Any form of accountability and justice is absent and those responsible for the violations and abuses enjoy impunity. Resolution HRC 33/16 on technical assistance and capacity building in the field of human rights is hardly a reflection of actual accountability imperatives. In light of the gravity of the situation, the people of Yemen deserve nothing short of a Commission of Inquiry to collect evidence of alleged violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of international human rights law.

I thank you!