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**High Level Pledging Event
for the Humanitarian Response in Yemen
Geneva, 26 February 2019**

Intervention by H.E. Mr. Peter Matt
Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Principality of Liechtenstein

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.

For the world's worst humanitarian crisis Liechtenstein has provided CHF 450'000 of humanitarian assistance in Yemen since the outbreak of the conflict. For the year 2019, Liechtenstein pledges to continue its engagement with a total contribution of CHF 200'000. Furthermore, Liechtenstein donates each year CHF 200'000 to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund and CHF 100'000 to the Immediate Response Account of the World Food Program which both provide emergency assistance in Yemen.

Liechtenstein commends the "Stockholm Agreement". Liechtenstein also commends the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Yemen, Mr Martin Griffiths for his tireless efforts to work with all parties for the full implementation of the Agreement as a basis for a compre-

hensive peace settlement. We also welcome that access has been granted to the World Food Programme Grain Stores at the Red Sea Mills.

The continued allegations of atrocity crimes committed in Yemen by all parties to the conflict are of great concern to us. Attacks on civilians and civilian infrastructure are unacceptable. So is the continued recruitment of children. We urge all parties to the conflict to fully respect Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law, and to ensure unfettered humanitarian access. We call on all parties to refrain from damaging infrastructure that is necessary for the provision of humanitarian aid.

The Security Council must ensure that the most serious crimes committed in Yemen are addressed to prevent further atrocities. We call on the Security Council – in particular its ten members that have signed the ACT Code of Conduct on atrocity crimes – to address the situation in Yemen with the attention and the urgency it deserves. Furthermore, Liechtenstein supported the renewal of the Group of Experts on Yemen that is mandated to establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged atrocities. Their first findings are a step in the right direction to report on all atrocities committed in Yemen. For its impartial and balanced work it is of critical importance that all parties to the armed conflict in Yemen extend full and transparent access and cooperation to the Group of Experts on Yemen.

I thank you!