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Open Letter to the Yemeni Parties to the Conflict from 141 NGOs Restore and Renew the Truce and Build Lasting Peace

As we mark eight long years of the conflict in Yemen and one year since the start of the now lapsed truce agreement of 2 April 2022, we call on you to maintain sharp focus on reaching a new truce deal and initiating steps towards a real, long-lasting, and inclusive Yemeni peace process.

The six-month truce shifted Yemen into a new phase, one that could represent the beginning of the end of this conflict. We call on you to ensure that this moment of opportunity grows into lasting peace and promise for the people of Yemen, a new era that would enable them to restore their lives and contribute to building the future of their country.

Since the truce came into effect last year, fighting, conflict-related displacement and civilian casualties have notably decreased. As organizations actively involved in the humanitarian response across Yemen, we have seen firsthand how the movement of commodities and people has opened, enabling them greater access to lifesaving services like medical care, or simply the ability to reunite with friends and family. We have frequently heard from those we serve, how they have been able to dream again, of a better future and a life of opportunity and growth instead of suffering and stunting.

This progress is nothing short of extraordinary. It is the result of a growing political willingness to find a peaceful resolution for the people of Yemen and must be acknowledged. But the gains that have been made are fragile. We call on you to protect the people of Yemen by fully respecting International Humanitarian Law and facilitating unencumbered humanitarian access for aid actors to reach communities in need. We also call on you to refrain from using the economy and its institutions to inflict harm that all too often is felt largely by the civilian population. Economic deterioration, divided monetary systems, lack of salaries and rising prices, continue to exhaust millions of Yemeni families.

At the recent pledging event for the humanitarian response in Yemen, INGOs called on the international community to compliment peace efforts with renewed funding to promote a holistic recovery in Yemen. We were shocked and appalled when less than one third of the funds needed were pledged. We will not stop in our efforts to secure the full amount of funding needed to ensure the safety and dignity of those in need of humanitarian aid. We make that commitment to the Yemeni people. At the same time, all parties to the conflict must work together to ensure a lasting peace and that an equitable recovery from conflict is delivered. The people of Yemen deserve nothing less.

Any truce and longer-term peace process must be inclusive. CSOs, women, youth and marginalized communities should have a seat at the table. As we move into the ninth year of the conflict in Yemen, we call on you to stand firm for peace. May this Ramadan be a time of introspection and hope for the future of Yemen and may this year's sad mark of the conflict in Yemen be the last.

Sincerely,

International Non-Governmental Organizations:

1. Medglobal
2. Norwegian Refugee Council
3. INTERSOS
4. Islamic Relief Worldwide
5. Action for Humanity International
6. Save the Children
7. FSE Yemen
8. CARE
9. Polish Humanitarian Action
10. Marie Stopes International Yemen
11. Caritas Poland
12. Danish Refugee Council
13. War Child Canada
14. ADRA
15. READ Foundation
16. OXFAM
17. ACTED
18. ZOA
19. Relief International
20. People in Need
21. War Child UK
22. The Center for Civilians in Conflict
23. Norwegian People's Aid
24. International Rescue Committee
25. Handicap International - Humanity & Inclusion
26. Mercy Corps
27. Qatar Charity
28. Action Contre la Faim
29. Saferworld
30. Première Urgence – Aide Médicale Internationale
31. Vision Hope International
32. Humanitarian Aid and Development Org

Yemeni Civil Society Organizations:

1. Abs Development Organization for Women & Child
2. Democracy School
3. White Hands Association for Women's Development
4. Rawabi AL-Nahdah
5. The Association for the Care and Rehabilitation
6. Nasaem Foundation for Development
7. Red Crescent Division Abs
8. Weaam Empowerment Foundation
9. Make Hope for Development and Relief (MHDR)
10. Musahmah Organization for Human Development
11. Ramz Development Foundation
12. Tomorrow Foundation for Sustainable Development and Humanitarian Relief
13. FANAR ADEN Foundation for human work
14. Forum of students of Marib (FSMCD)
15. Nasaem Foundation for Development
16. Association Trend of Human Development Mahweet Governorate
17. THE HUMANITARAIN FORM YEMEN
18. Angela for Development and Humanitarian Response
19. Rifa Foundation for Community and Human Development
20. Generations Without Qat (GWQ)
21. Enjaz foundation for Development
22. Itar Foundation for Social Development
23. Khadija Foundation for Development
24. I'm Rural woman Organization for Community Development
25. Yemeni National Midwives Association
26. National Foundation for Development and Human Rights
27. Yemeni Development Network For NGO's
28. Sustainable Development Foundation
29. Soul For Development
30. Medical Mercy Foundation
31. Building Foundation for Development
32. Youth Leadership Development Foundation
33. All Girls Foundation for Development
34. Family Counseling & Development Foundation
35. For All Foundation
36. Yemen Women's Union
37. Al-Aman Organization For Blind Women Care
38. Hemmat Shabab Foundation For Development
39. Relief and Development Peer Foundation
40. Rawahel Foundation for Development
41. Wa3i Foundation
42. Benevolence Coalition For Humanitarian Relief
43. Field Medical Foundation
44. Nahda Makers Foundation
45. Civil Alliance for Peace
46. Afaq Shababia Foundation
47. Marib Girls Foundation
48. Alf Ba Civilian & Coexistence Foundation
49. Creative People Solutions Foundation
50. Yemeni Response Council
51. Resonate! Yemen
52. LOOK INSIDE Foundation For Development

53. Jeel Al Bena Association for Humanitarian Development
54. Gusoor for Peace and Coexistence
55. Ejad Foundation For Development
56. Ma'akum Foundation for Development
57. Deem for Development Organization
58. Musanadah Foundation for Development
59. Yemen Peace School Organization
60. Rowad Foundation
61. Together for Development & Human Rights
62. YNGO's Coalition for Child Rights Care
63. Tatweer For Development and Humanitarian Response Foundation(TATWEER)
64. Yemen Alkhair for Relief and Development Foundation
65. Mysarah for Development
66. Wujoh Foundation for Media and Development
67. Volunteers Foundation
68. Youth Without Borders Organization for Development
69. Sheba Youth Foundation for Development
70. Improve Your Society Organization
71. Millennium Development Foundation
72. Sada Foundation for Building &Development
73. Rasd Foundation For Human Development
74. Watch for Human Rights
75. National Prisoner Foundation
76. Change Horizon Forum
77. Eayha'a Foundation for calm and social Peace
78. Social Development Hodeidah Girls Foundation
79. Basma Foundation for Child Development and Woman
80. The Center for Strategic Studies to Support Women and Child
81. Social Peace Promotion & Legal Protection
82. Peace and Building Foundation
83. Yemeni Food Bank
84. Yemen Medicine Bank
85. Ithraa Developmental Foundation
86. Future Social Charity Association
87. Yemeni Psychological Association
88. Heran Foundation for Local Development
89. Estijabah Foundation for Humanitarian Aid and Relief
90. Manarat Foundation
91. Social Solidarity Foundation for Development
92. National Organization for Health Development
93. Ghadaq for Development
94. Al-Awn Foundation for Development
95. Wogood for Human Security
96. Mercy Wings Foundation for Relief And Development
97. Cadres Foundation for Development and Humanitarian Relief
98. Knoz Yemen for Humanitarian Development
99. Change Horizons Forum
100. Together We Rise Social Association
101. Qarar foundation for media and development
102. Ethra Foundation
103. Eaha's Foundation for calm & Social Peace
104. Aid response and development organization "
105. Free Media for Investigative Journalism
106. Wama Foundation for Development and Human Rights
107. Wahg Al-hyat Foundation
108. Youth Fingerprint for Relief and Development Organization
109. Namaa Network (YDN)