Mr. Secretary General,

Excellencies,

Distinguished colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

- At the outset, I would like to thank the United Nations and Governments of Sweden and Switzerland, for convening this important and timely Conference. In challenging times like these, when the whole world is fighting with the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, today’s event is a good reminder that partnership and solidarity should come first.

- The humanitarian crisis in Yemen remains one of the worst in the world. Years of armed conflict and consequential economic collapse have resulted in soaring number of displaced persons in need of protection, deaths, disease outbreaks and severe famine. We commend the United Nations’ relentless efforts in leading the coordinated response and providing humanitarian relief on daily basis to the people of Yemen.

- In a multidimensional crises, such as this, stable humanitarian aid delivery means survival. Needs on the ground continue to grow. To this respect, I would like to command all humanitarian organizations for their commitment and hard work in one of the most challenging operational environments, as Yemen is today.

- Croatia fully supports the actions led by the United Nations and international community in finding a political solution to the crisis in Yemen.

- We remain committed to addressing political, humanitarian, peace and security aspects of the crisis in Yemen in an integrated and comprehensive manner. We need to remain consistent with our actions
and persistent in helping the most vulnerable, in particular women and children.

- Finally, I am pleased to announce today that the Government of Croatia decided to support Yemen in 2021 with a contribution of 100,000 USD through the World Food Programme to respond to the Yemen crisis.

Thank you.