Speaking Notes for

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Good morning.

The situation in Yemen is one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world.

Since the beginning of the conflict in 2015, the people of Yemen have suffered through violence, displacement, famine, flooding, and outbreaks of disease.

The conflict causes senseless civilian casualties and displacement.

The food security crisis is severe.
The international community must dig deep.

We must act now.

But to have a real impact, we need to work on several fronts.

Parties to the conflict must respect international humanitarian law and ensure the protection of civilians, as well as humanitarian and medical personnel.

Efforts must protect women, children and other vulnerable populations.
Today I am announcing Canada’s 2022 contribution of $62.5 million to help the people of Yemen.

This funding will allow the UN, Red Cross, and NGO partners to deliver life-saving food, healthcare, clean water and sanitation.

We want to provide protection, sexual and reproductive health services and psychosocial support to the most vulnerable people, particularly women and girls.

But to save lives, humanitarian workers must have safe and rapid access to affected communities.
Any and all restrictions that slow or stop humanitarian assistance must be removed immediately.

Canada supports the efforts of the Secretary-General’s Special Envoy and calls on all parties to find a permanent end to this conflict and to build inclusive and sustainable peace.

The suffering in Yemen must end.

We must do everything possible to make this happen.

Thank you.