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Before
The Hybrid High-Level Humanitarian Event for Yemen

16 March 2022

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Dear Co-Chairs,

The Islamic Republic of Iran appreciates every effort made in good faith to mitigate the pain and suffering of the people of Yemen who are the victims of an unjust war of aggression coupled with atrocious blockade that has turned Yemen into the worst humanitarian tragedy on earth.

Iran continues to urge for immediate end to this senseless war. Iran's genuine plea for peace stands valid and relevant. The “4-points Yemen peace plan” proposed by us long time ago remains a workable way out of this self-made catastrophe that has killed innocent Yemenis and destroyed Yemen.

Yemeni people are not only being bombed and killed but also being starved to death as part of a systemic collective punishment to break their resistance against unlawful military intervention.

Our collective sense of humanity should only guide us to use this occasion that is blessed by the title of "humanitarian" for an honest joint plea to the aggressors and their enablers to stop war. This would be the best and only way to end the humanitarian tragedy and mitigate the untold pain and suffering of the Yemeni people.



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Distinguished delegates,

A durable and sustainable peace in Yemen must be ensured by the immediate cessation of the blockade and facilitation of fair access to the humanitarian assistance across the country indiscriminately, including by re-opening of San'a airport as a main hub for distribution of humanitarian aids. Ending the blockade should be prioritized in pair with immediate cessation of military intervention.

In an effort to quell the overwhelming deteriorating situation in the region, Iran has tried its best to send humanitarian aids to Yemen over the course of the crisis. Unfortunately, such efforts were either hindered by the so-called Coalition or delayed by international verification authorities.

The war enablers must refrain from fishing in troubled waters and stop selling arms and ammunitions to kill innocent civilians and ruin properties.

Financial contributions to fund basic humanitarian aids, including through this pledging, are very much appreciated but it should not be used as smokescreen by certain sponsors to carry on with their campaign of bombardment and military aggression.

I thank you.



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Intervention

In exercise of right of reply in response to representative of Saudi Arabia

By

Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Before

High-level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

Geneva, 16 March 2022

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I requested to exercise right of reply to respond to allegations against my delegation by representative of Saudi Arabia.

Old habits die hard; the representative of Saudi Arabian, the actor that is the main reason why we are here struggling to address the catastrophic humanitarian situation in Yemen, named my beloved country Iran. Addiction to shifting blame has blinded our Saudi friends. Yemeni people are defending their country, their human dignity, their freedom, their right to self-determination and their God-given right to live in peace, against Saudi led war of aggression. For the past 7 years, the Saudis are repeating the same big lie but repeating a lie will not turn it into a fact. Iran's support for the people of Yemen comes from our principles that are based on Islamic precepts, human values and international law. We only say please do not kill and maim your innocent brothers and sisters in Yemen. Does it mean that Yemeni resistance is programmed by Iran?! Can any decent observer with modest sense of humanity accept such an absurd allegation?!

Let me be clear: Yemenis are defending themselves and they do not need to get permission from any one, being it Iran or any other actor, to exercise such a basic God given right.



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I conclude by appealing to Saudi and its coalition of war and destruction as well as their enablers to stop this 7yearlong aggressions.

This is the best pledge they can offer in this Conference.

Otherwise, it would be a shame to see that this pledging Conference is being utilized by the aggressors and its enablers to whitewash their crimes.

I thank you.