

**Minister's Statement to the  
High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen  
16 March 2022**

I want to thank OCHA, Sweden and Switzerland for arranging today's event.

The ongoing conflict in Yemen has left over 20 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Ireland commends the work of humanitarian and health workers across Yemen and would like to take this opportunity to re-affirm our strong support for their essential work providing protection and assistance to persons of concern.

Unfortunately these courageous women and men are often impeded by unacceptable obstacles including threats to their safety and lack of access to those in need. We demand full, unfettered, and safe access for humanitarian workers to all parts of Yemen.

Though we are now seeing a new humanitarian disaster as a result of conflict in Europe, Ireland will continue to support you in your efforts in Yemen. Today Ireland has pledged €5 million to the Yemen Humanitarian Fund, which is providing essential support to local organisations. Ireland remains committed to the multilateral response to the situation, including through CERF where Ireland is one of the top ten donors.

Ireland supports the efforts of the Special Envoy to bring this conflict to an end and we urge all parties to the conflict to engage seriously

and urgently with the UN led process to secure a sustainable peace. I condemn the continued attacks by the Houthis on Saudi Arabia and the UAE and repeat that all parties to the conflict should respect and uphold international humanitarian law and international human rights law.

We urge all donors to maintain their support and to ensure maximum flexibility in their assistance. The people of Yemen have suffered for far too long.

Thank you very much.

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