

Allow me to begin by expressing my appreciation to the Government of Switzerland, the Government of Sweden, and the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for co-hosting this important conference.

The protracted humanitarian crisis in the Republic of Yemen has placed more than twenty million Yemenis, including millions of children, in a dire situation. The nation-wide humanitarian needs in Yemen call for our consolidated and immediate support.

Korea has been increasing its contribution to Yemen since the crisis began. This year, the Korean government will contribute 20 million US dollars in humanitarian assistance. This includes continuing our support for UN-led humanitarian efforts and providing 18,700 tons of rice to the most vulnerable people in the country.

In addition to efforts to address immediate humanitarian needs, the Republic of Korea will work closely with the international community to provide greater support for long-term measures that would help stabilize the economy and promote sustainable development in Yemen.

While support from the international community is absolutely critical for meeting the humanitarian needs in Yemen, we cannot end the suffering without ending the conflict. The Republic of Korea calls on all parties to cease hostilities and engage in the UN-led peace process. In this regard, Korea is in full support of the on-going efforts of UN Special Envoy for Yemen and welcomes the launch of the peace consultations on his framework. We hope that this process will bring the people of Yemen closer to a better future.

To conclude, Korea will continue to work with the international community and will remain committed to resolving the humanitarian crisis and building a stable and prosperous Yemen.

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