Secretary-General Guterres,
Dear Ann, dear Ignazio,
Dear colleagues,

I am honoured to join you today in mobilising international support for the people of Yemen. I wish to thank Sweden, Switzerland and the United Nations for this very timely initiative.

Six years of war have brought immense suffering to the people of Yemen. In recent weeks, the fighting has escalated once again. The attack launched by the Houthi militia against Marib puts millions of lives at risk and must stop immediately.

All parties must ensure compliance with international humanitarian law and protect civilians and key civilian infrastructure.

A needs-based approach remains at the core of Luxembourg’s humanitarian strategy. Humanitarian assistance should reach all people in need - regardless of their political, religious or ethnic affiliation, or their geographic location.
Luxembourg has shown solidarity with the people of Yemen over the past years. Today, I am pleased to announce that, in 2021, Luxembourg will allocate at least **1.85 million Euro** to the crisis in Yemen.

Our humanitarian assistance will be channeled through the World Food Programme, the ICRC, the Yemen Humanitarian Fund managed by OCHA, as well as NGOs.

In the coming years, Luxembourg will maintain a significant level of support in the framework of its multi-year funding agreements with WFP and the ICRC. Our objective is to provide timely and predictable funding to our humanitarian partners while granting them maximum flexibility in responding to the most urgent needs.

We will also continue to support the UN Central Emergency Response Fund, which helps fund life-saving assistance in Yemen.

For humanitarian efforts to be successful, we cannot accept any limitations on access to life-saving aid: state and non-state actors have to guarantee the safety and access of humanitarian personnel.

Only a negotiated political solution, involving a meaningful participation of all parties concerned, including civil society, women and youth, can end the conflict in Yemen.

Allow me therefore to conclude by reiterating Luxembourg’s full support for the UN-led process and the work of Special Envoy Martin Griffiths.

Thank you.