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Événement de haut niveau d'annonces de contributions pour la crise humanitaire au Yémen
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Intervention de Monsieur le Ministre des Affaires étrangères et européennes

Secretary General Guterres,

Dear Ignazio, dear Ann,

Dear colleagues,

I am honored to join our collective effort today in mobilizing international support for the people of Yemen. Let me thank Sweden, Switzerland and the United Nations for this timely initiative.

While all eyes are on the humanitarian crisis caused by the Russian aggression against Ukraine and we all work very hard to address it, we must not forget about the people of Yemen, who have been suffering from war and destruction for over seven years. In fact, the Russian war against Ukraine risks causing even more hunger and misery in Yemen.

Over the past months, we have witnessed once again an intensification of hostilities and cross border attacks in Yemen and in the region. These attacks must stop immediately. We must finally put an end to the killing of civilians and to strikes against civilian infrastructure.

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

Luxembourg's humanitarian strategy is centered on a needs-based approach. Humanitarian assistance should reach all people affected by crisis - regardless of their political, religious and ethnic affiliation, or their geographic location.

Through the renewing of our multi-year funding agreements with the World Food Programme and the ICRC, Luxembourg will continue to provide timely and predictable funding to our humanitarian partners while granting them maximum flexibility in responding to the most urgent needs.

Luxembourg has shown and continues to show its solidarity with the people of Yemen. Over the last two years, we have surpassed our pledges by a total of nearly one million euros. Today, I am honored to announce that, **in 2022, Luxembourg plans to allocate two million euros for the crisis in Yemen.** This humanitarian assistance will be channeled through the World Food Programme, the ICRC, the Yemen Humanitarian Fund managed by OCHA, as well as NGOs.

Only a negotiated political solution, involving a meaningful participation of all parties concerned, including civil society, women and youth, can end the conflict. Justice and accountability are also key to an inclusive, durable peace. The international community must continue to explore options to prevent human rights violations and to address impunity in Yemen.

Allow me to conclude by reiterating Luxembourg's full support for the UN-led process and the work of Special Envoy Hans Grundberg.

I thank you for your attention.