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THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN YEMEN
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On behalf of the Government of Malaysia, I would like to extend my deep appreciation to the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland as well as the United Nations for convening this important High-Level Pledging Event.

2. Malaysia remains deeply concerned with the dire humanitarian situation in Yemen. COVID-19 has further exacerbated the situation on the ground. This pandemic has compounded the myriad of problems already existing in Yemen including continued conflict, natural disaster, disease, famine and forced displacement.

3. Malaysia notes with concern that women and children are among the hardest-hit by the challenging humanitarian conditions in Yemen. Yemeni women and children have among the highest rates of acute malnutrition in the world, with as many as half of all children under five suffering from it. With limited access to healthcare and crumbling health facilities, the international community must not allow the situation in Yemen to slide further. The COVID19 pandemic has made the situation even more acute. The right to health of all Yemeni people must be protected. In this regard, the international community must not condone vaccine-nationalism.

4. Malaysia reiterates its call for a peaceful solution to the ongoing conflict in Yemen. A political settlement must be inclusive and achieved through dialogue and negotiation. In this regard, Malaysia remains supportive of all relevant UN resolutions on Yemen. We urge all parties to reject violence and engage in UN-facilitated

consultations in good faith and without pre-conditions. All efforts towards peace in Yemen should be strongly supported and sustained.

5. In relation to this, Malaysia underscores that it is of paramount importance that international human rights and humanitarian law is observed by all parties in the conflict. Malaysia urges all parties in Yemen to take necessary measures to protect the children, civilians and civilian objects, as well as to allow humanitarian access to those in need of assistance.

6. I am confident that with a rekindled commitment to multilateralism, and through coordinated and sincere efforts, the humanitarian situation in Yemen can be more effectively addressed and bring us closer to a peaceful solution to the conflict. In this connection, I am pleased to announce Malaysia's pledge of USD 100,000 to the humanitarian appeal for Yemen.

Thank you.