

Yemen 2022: High-Level Pledging Hybrid Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen, 16th March 2022

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Ladies and Gentlemen

On behalf of the Government of Malta, I would like to thank the organisers for holding this Conference, assembling us together once again to address the ongoing desperate humanitarian situation in Yemen.

This protracted conflict deserves the continuous attention of the international community to continue providing assistance for the benefit of the people of Yemen.

The role and presence of the UN agencies and other humanitarian organisations deserves due recognition for ensuring that vital humanitarian assistance reaches its intended destination. At this point, I wish to take the opportunity to extend my country's tribute to all humanitarian actors their relentless work to deliver life-saving support to all those in need.

Malta joins the European Union, its European partners and other countries in encouraging all parties to the conflict to allow unhindered, immediate delivery of life-saving assistance to beneficiaries, while respecting international humanitarian law. A scale-up of humanitarian efforts to respond to immediate needs on the ground is critical, and vaccine ceasefires must be declared to assist with ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts in the country.

Malta considers the Stockholm Agreement as a milestone in the process of peacebuilding and augurs that all sides, will persevere in its realisation. Malta also supports the call to immediately implement a nationwide cessation of hostilities to secure a long-overdue and inclusive peace process and calls on all sides to uphold obligations under International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law and refrain from reprisal attacks.

To conclude, I am pleased to announce that the Government of Malta is again dedicating part of its yearly humanitarian budget in aid of the people of Yemen to assist in mitigating their challenges.

Thank you.