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**Your Excellency, Secretary-General of the United Nations
Excellencies,**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings,

I am honored to express the profound thanks and appreciation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland and to the United Nations for their organization of this virtual conference during the exceptional circumstances the world is experiencing due to COVID-19 and its variants. Today, we hope that we can reach solutions that are more sustainable and effective in alleviating human suffering in Yemen.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Since unification by its founder, King Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has always centered its relationships with other countries and peoples on a set of values and principles that embrace peace, harmony and cooperation. The Kingdom has provided impartial support and assistance to millions of people in need, and has shared with the rest of the donor community the noble goal and responsibility of reducing the effects of humanitarian crises. Saudi Arabia ranks

among the top donor countries providing humanitarian aid at the regional and international levels to countries in need, particularly Yemen.

Your Excellencies,

We are meeting today amidst the ongoing humanitarian crisis Yemen has already been facing, along with all of the additional economic, health and political challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created there. In addition to the major escalation of crises caused by the Iran-backed Houthi militias inside Yemen, particularly in the Ma'rib Governorate, which was a safe haven for IDPs, the militias have also scaled up their terrorist actions to threaten neighboring countries. This requires a firm and resolute stance from the international community to protect the Yemeni people and to reach sustainable solutions that achieve security, stability and development for Yemen and, ultimately, for the region and the world.

In spite of all of these difficult challenges and obstacles, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has maintained its pioneering role and ongoing commitment to Yemen and its noble people. Because of its keenness to alleviate the suffering of the Yemeni people, I am pleased to announce that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has pledged USD 430 million to support the Yemen

Humanitarian Response Plan 2021 to be implemented through UN agencies, international organizations, and local and regional NGOs

In conclusion, the Kingdom reaffirms its support for the security and stability of Yemen and the region, and its commitment to supporting all efforts aimed at reaching a sustainable political solution, based on the three initiatives, in a manner that guarantees the preservation of the unity and safety of Yemen and its people.

Thank you