STATEMENT
UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS AND
EMERGENCY RELIEF COORDINATOR,
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(New York/Juba, 2 February 2012) I am relieved that the seven humanitarian workers who were abducted in Yemen on 31 January have all been released unharmed. They are now in Sana'a and are in contact with their families.

I would like to sincerely thank the Yemeni authorities and all those who worked tirelessly to secure the safe release of our colleagues.

This incident serves to remind us of the dangers faced every day by humanitarian workers helping people in crisis situations around the world. Their only aim is to provide assistance and protection to people in need.

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