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STATEMENT ON YEMEN

(New York/London, 2 April 2015) I am extremely concerned for the safety of civilians
caught in the middle of fierce fighting in Yemen. I call on all parties involved to meet
their obligations under international law and do their utmost to protect the ordinary
women, children and men who are suffering the consequences of the conflict.

Reports from humanitarian partners in different parts of the country indicate that some
519 people have been killed and nearly 1,700 injured in the past two weeks – over 90 of
them children. Tens of thousands of people have fled their homes, some by crossing the
sea to Djibouti and Somalia. Electricity, water and essential medicines are in short
supply.

Those engaged in fighting must ensure that hospitals, schools, camps for refugees and
those internally displaced and civilian infrastructure, especially in populated areas, are
not targeted or used for military purposes.

Despite the grave dangers, United Nations agencies and humanitarian partners are
coordinating with the Yemen Red Crescent and local authorities to deliver emergency
health kits, generators so that people can get clean water, food and blankets.

Before this recent escalation in the violence, millions of Yemenis were already extremely
vulnerable. I hope that peace, security and stability will be restored as soon as possible.

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