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To: Mr. Tony Smith ,

Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia.

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen followed the session of the Human Rights Council held on 28/9/2018, in which it approved the extension of International Panel of Experts (IPE) mission to investigate violations of human rights and war crimes in Yemen. The House of Representatives welcomes the decision of the Human Rights Council and stresses its continued cooperation with the IPE and provide the necessary facilities to complete the investigation of all war crimes. The House also expresses its deep thanks and appreciation for the moral and humanitarian position of your country and all the Member States of the Human Rights Council, which adopted and voted in favor of the extension of the IPE mission. Such position is consistent with the provisions of international humanitarian law and international human rights law to ensure the continuous monitoring and documentation of all crimes and violations committed by the countries of the Coalition against Yemen led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and prevent these countries from continuing to commit the brutal crimes against Yemeni citizens including children, women and the elderly.

Perhaps the silence of the International Community, the Security Council and the United Nations has encouraged the States of the Coalition to commit these heinous crimes and the use of lethal and internationally prohibited weapons without any legal or legitimate justification for this criminal aggression targeting Yemen, infrastructure and all elements of life with unprecedented cruelty.

The aim of the relentless pursuit of the Coalition led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to prevent the extension of the IPE mission is to

cover up the heinous crimes committed against the Yemeni people and to continue to commit such crimes and thus avoid criminal accountability and punishment.

It is noteworthy that the criminal Coalition on Yemen since March 2015 directly targets citizens, resulting in the death and wounding of tens of thousands, mostly children, women and the elderly, and the destruction of Yemen and its infrastructure, where the air force attacks innocent citizens in their homes, markets, funeral and wedding halls, displaced camps, schools, universities, medical facilities, densely populated areas, fishermen gathering centers, water wells, public and private farms, roads, bridges, airports, fuel stations, communication centers, technical institutes, archaeological sites, food stores, factories, production plants, all economic and service facilities, government facilities and many other civilian facilities.

In addition to these horrific crimes, the Coalition countries launched a frightening economic war aimed at starving the people of Yemen and humiliating them. They, through the outgoing Hadi government, transferred the activity of the Central Bank of Yemen to the city of Aden in violation of the provisions of the Constitution and the law of the bank, seized the revenues of oil and gas, which accounted for more than 75% of the resources of the general budget of the Republic of Yemen, and seized the revenues of customs and taxes collected from areas and outlets which they control. They also put their hand on the grants and international aid until they have seized more than %90 of the total resources of the Republic of Yemen.

In order to starving the Yemeni people and increasing their suffering, such countries have illegally printed hundreds of billions of Yemeni currency without cover which led to the collapse of the national currency against foreign currencies significantly and thus the rise in food prices to an

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intolerable level. As a result, the ability of citizens to buy stuff in light of the high unemployment rates decreases significantly in addition to the non-payment of salaries for nearly two years, despite the commitment of the outgoing government of Hadi when transferring the central bank to Aden to pay the salaries to all public employees in all governorates of Yemen. This made the humanitarian situation in Yemen very serious as the report of the IPE indicated that Yemen is living the largest humanitarian crisis in the world.

In April 2018, the number of people suffering from food insecurity reached 17, 8 million people and 8, 4 million people are on the verge of famine out of 29, 3 million people. Save the Children Organization indicated that the escalation in Hodeidah exacerbates fears of devastating famine and that than 5 million children are threatened with starvation. This calls for serious international action to stop this Aggression, which seeks to occupy Yemen, loots its wealth and kills its people.

Accordingly, the House of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen hopes that the honorable Council will encourage your country's government for further humanitarian positions to put pressure on the Coalition countries in order to stop the criminal aggression, lift the air, land and sea blockade and to open all the ports to rescue the Yemeni people from the tragic situation.

Best regards,

Yahya Ali Al-Ra'i

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