

Item 10- Technical assistance and capacity-building

**Organization for Defending Victims of Violence**

**Human Rights and Humanitarian Situation in Yemen**



**Mr. President,**

Yemen war helped the world to directly assess the human rights claims of the United States of America and its allies in the Middle East, i.e. Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. US continues arms export to Saudi Arabia and Emirates despite the socking rise of the number of civilian deaths in the air strikes over the recent months. Only in April, at least 236 people were killed and another 238 insured. These figures are twice as much as March the same year. According to a UN High Commissioner for Human Rights report since the beginning of the conflict in Yemen up to 10 May 2018 in total 6385 people have been killed and 10047 injured.<sup>1</sup>

US supported the Saudi coalition's bloodshed by selling more weapons to Saudi and Emirates. Just three weeks after the Saudi fighters attacked a wedding in Yemen and killed children and civilians, the US government agreed to sell 7 billion dollars in precision-guided weapons of the US-based companies Raytheon and Boeing to Saudi Arabia in November 2017.<sup>2</sup>

**Mr. President,**

While condemning the violence that is taking place in Yemen, the ODVV requests the UN international independent investigation committee in Yemen to prepare an independent report on the attacks to civilian targets.

The ODVV calls upon the Council to set up an independent international investigations committee to monitor arms sales to the Middle Eastern countries.

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<sup>1</sup><https://reliefweb.int/report/yemen/yemen-unhcr-update-1-14-may-2018>

<sup>2</sup><https://www.reuters.com/article/us-raytheon-saudi-munitions/saudi-arabia-agrees-to-buy-7-billion-in-precision-munitions-from-u-s-firms-sources-idUSKBN1DM2XC>