



**Item 10: General Debate. Human Rights Situation in Yemen**

**Madam President,**

The six-year war in Yemen has been one of the worst human crises in the world. According to international organizations till the end of 2019, seventy-thousand people have been killed or injured in the conflict including women and children.

Medical infrastructures (hospitals, clinics and ambulances) have been attacked by Saudi-led Coalition forces nearly 200 times. The attacks continued with the spread of COVID-19. And since medical centers' capacities are allocated to COVID-19 cases, there are fears that thousands of people succumb to undetected cholera.

Children are also in dire conditions. Forty percent of the country's population are suffering from severe food security, and almost half of the children under 5 will suffer from malnutrition till the end of the year.

**Madam President,**

Yemen is faced with three emergencies: the spread of COVID-19, cuts in humanitarian aid, and escalation of the conflict and airstrikes.

- ODVV welcomes the exchange of prisoners in Yemen.
- In view of cuts in humanitarian aid and increased airstrikes and the spread of COVID-19 in Yemen, ODVV calls for immediate re-opening of San'a airport.
- Also, ODVV calls on the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen, the HC and the Special Rapporteur on right to health to report the impact of airstrikes on the right to health and the right to life of Yemenis.