

## *Organization for Defending Victims of Violence*

### **Item 6: UPR**

#### **Universal Periodic Review of Yemen**



#### **Mr. President**

Yemen is currently facing the worst humanitarian tragedy of the 21st century. More than 233,000 people are killed and more than 23 million Yemenis are in urgent need of food and humanitarian aid.

Organization for Defending of Victims of Violence (ODVV) believes that, a major part of this catastrophe will be addressed through halting the Coalition bombings and engagement of the two sides in peaceful negotiations. ODVV considers the Yemen situation as a widespread and interconnected set of human rights violations and believes that in order to improve the situations, reforms should be made in various sectors of Yemen society. ODVV is concerned about the humanitarian situation in Yemen and condemns the attacks against civilians, considers the situation as the gravest humanitarian catastrophe in the world and believes that some of these violations amount to possible war crimes and crimes against humanity.

#### **Mr. President,**

Being gravely concerned about the human made widespread catastrophe in Yemen ODVV:

- Calls on all parties to engage in the United Nations-led efforts to find a solution to the conflict.
- Welcomes the efforts to implement the Stockholm Agreement but remains concerned by the deepening humanitarian crisis.
- Calls on Yemen government to ensure the protection of civilians in compliance with its obligations under international humanitarian law, including immediate, full and unhindered access for humanitarian supplies and personnel to all parts of Yemen.
- Calls on Yemen to do everything in its power to show more independence and bring all perpetrators of crimes committed in air-strikes to justice, regardless of their nationality.