



Item 4: GD Human Rights in Yemen, Norway, Canada

Mr. President

ODVV would like to draw the attention of the HRC to three main concerns, including the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, minority rights in Norway and the indigenous women in Canada.

1. On Yemen, considering the most catastrophic man-made crisis of our time, it is necessary that all arms exporting countries including the US, the UK, France and Sweden stop military support of the Coalition, because according to the reports from the field confirmed by the UN's coordinator for Yemen, about 13 million civilian lives are threatened by starvation if the Coalition bombardment does not stop.

Therefore, ODVV calls on the international community and international organizations to fortify efforts to establish peace in Yemen and halt the air strikes.

2. On Norway, considering the situation of Muslims and minorities, ODVV urges the government to enact measures to counter trends of a rise in xenophobic, Islamophobic movements and hate speech against Muslims. ODVV also, urges Norway to ensure, that all minorities enjoy their full human rights, especially the right to equal access to employment, food, medical healthcare and cultural rights.
3. On Canada, ODVV expresses serious concerns over the situation of indigenous people especially the contents of the final report of the national inquiry that considered the murder and disappearance of thousands of Indigenous women and girls across the country as "Canadian genocide." Also, ODVV is alarmed by the reports of forced sterilizations of Indigenous women in Canada. Therefore, we call on the HRC to immediately launch a longer and deeper study of the breach of indigenous rights in the country.