



Item 10: General Debate Yemen

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence Civilian Consequences of Yemen War

Mr. President,

Yemen remains the world's largest humanitarian crisis. After more than 4 years of a deadly conflict, millions of Yemenis suffer the consequences of bombardments by the Coalition compounded with looming famine and outbreaks of preventable diseases. Civilians face constant threats to their lives, safety, well-being and basic rights. The conflict has been marred by repeated violations of international humanitarian law, including mass civilian casualties and widespread destruction of infrastructures.

Imports and distribution of food, fuel and medicine remain restrained, insufficient and costly. This is due to the restriction of access to humanitarian assistance and the constant deterioration of the economic situation. In various parts of the country, water and power plants, factories, markets and shops have stopped functioning.

In 2019, an estimated 24 million people, 80% of the population, are in need of humanitarian assistance or protection. Currently, more than 20 million people lack sufficient food and 7.4 million people are at risk of famine.

The public health situation is dire; in 2019, more than 10,000 suspected cases of cholera were reported on a weekly basis.

Mr. President,

To stop these disasters, ODVV calls on:

- The Coalition to immediately cease all acts of violence against civilians, including continuous blind airstrikes, and address the basic needs for all civilian populations.
- The United States, the UK, France, Canada and Sweden to stop selling weapons to the coalition.
- All parties to further efforts in enhancing the protection of vulnerable sectors including women, children, migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons from violence and exploitation.