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Thank you, Mr. President,

Canada remains deeply concerned by the situation of human rights in the Republic of Yemen, and notes that that multiple actors in Yemen, notably including Houthi militants, are responsible for serious human rights abuses.

Canada recommends that Yemen:

1. Immediately cease the recruitment of child soldiers, and release from duty all those under 18 years of age, in line with the Action Plan signed with the UN in 2014;
2. Promote the active and meaningful participation of women and youth in decision-making within government and related to future peacebuilding efforts;
3. Fulfill its obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, including by halting all discriminatory restrictions on women’s rights, such as male guardianship, in law and in practice; and,
4. Amend the Personal Status Law to ensure it is aligned with international human rights law and standards and does not contain any discriminatory provisions against women and girls.