

**STATEMENT**

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**on the human rights situation in Yemen,**

**as delivered by Ms. Sigrun S. HOLTER**

**First Secretary, Permanent Representative of Norway in Geneva.**

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President,

Norway commends Yemen’s [continued] adherence to the principles of the truce and welcomes steps taken to end the practice of recruiting children to armed groups [in areas controlled by the government].

Norway recommends that [the Republic of] Yemen:

1. Adopts an inclusive approach to the peace process, [including women, youth, marginalized groups, and victims of war].
2. [Ends the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict, and] swiftly and fully implements the recommendations of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict.
3. Ensures an enabling environment for freedom of expression, association, and peaceful assembly [and puts an end to prosecution and harassment of journalists and human rights defenders].
4. Ensures that those arbitrarily detained are released, end the practice of arbitrary [arrest and] detention, and ratifies the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

Thank you