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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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END THE WAR CRIME IN YEMEN: International Conference to Support Yemeni People held in London on the 20th and the 21st of August 2016

The innocent Yemeni civilians have been the target of indiscriminate airstrikes carried out by the Saudi-led coalition. According to the UN's human rights office, an estimated 3,799 civilians have been killed since the Saudi-led airstrikes began in March of 2015. The UN and rights groups estimate that at least 9,000 people have died overall, and 6,711 people have been wounded in the conflict. These act of aggression cannot be justified by any means. ICSFT organized this workshop with the aim of brainstorming on potential resolutions to end these unlawful attacks and bring peace to the Yemeni people. During this conference we have heard and witnessed the horrendous human rights abuse and violation in Yemen. The workshop brought together several Yemeni human rights activists, human rights organizations and researchers.

We cannot stand idle and watch the war crimes being committed against the Yemeni people by coalition led by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. These crimes violate all the norms and values of humanity. We also request that International Law in general and the Laws of Human Rights should be respected in relation to the issue in Yemen.

Of substance, we are making the following recommendations with the aim to relieve the Yemeni people of the suffering and injustice:

- 1) The members of the United Nations, under their commitment Article 1.3 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), are to respect the Sovereignty of the Yemeni people and their desires which appeared through their elected Parliamentary Institution which receive the enormous public support that was presented by the Yemeni people in their public peaceful protest in Sana on the 20th of August 2016.
- 2) The Immediate halt of using force against the will and liberty of the Yemeni people, mainly the air strikes implemented by the coalition led by Saudi Arabia. Also, we call an immediate stop of the unlawful siege over Yemen.
- 3) Members of the International Society, in accordance with their commitments to International Law which falls under the Geneva Agreement of 1949, should take and support all the means to establish an independent committee of international investigations to investigate all the crimes against humanity and war crimes that are committed by the coalition forces in Yemen, and bring the authors of these violations to justice and compensate the people who are harmed by these brutal attack.