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Statement by the President of the Security Council

1 At the meeting of the Security Council, held on 18th of November, 2018, in connection with the Council's
2 consideration of the item entitled "Situation in Yemen," the President of the Security Council made the following
3 statement on behalf of the Council:

4 The United Nations Security Council recognizes that the invitation of the Houthi representative has instilled
5 a belief within the Houthi movement that they are a legitimate power within the nation of Yemen.

6 This was a dangerous precedent and we condemn this presumption, reiterating that the representative from
7 the Houthi movement was invited as a party to the dispute in order to assess their willingness to cooperate in the
8 delivery of humanitarian aid to the Yemeni civilians within the land controlled by said movement. This body never
9 intended to legitimize the violent Houthi movement in their claim of being a governing body within Yemen. The
10 only subject discussed was humanitarian intervention.

11 Furthermore, the Houthi movement spokesperson was not afforded the basic debating rights afforded to the
12 member state of Yemen, or other United Nations Member States. The Houthi movement spokesperson was subject
13 to a Q&A session where all questions were asked by current members of the United Nations Security Council. From
14 the beginning of the meeting, it was made explicitly clear to the Houthi movement that this body does not recognize
15 them as any kind of legitimate governing body within Yemen.

16 The United Nations Security Council recognizes the Yemeni government as the sole authoritative body for
17 the nation of Yemen and will work to prioritize the humanitarian effort in the country as well as the effort for peaceful
18 resolution of conflict in the State.

19 The Security Council will continue to pay close attention to developments.

Passed by consensus, with 2 abstentions