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**Briefing
On Yemen**

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Mr. President,

Mozambique wishes to thank the Special Envoy, Mr. Hans Grundberg and Under-Secretary-General, Mr. Martin Griffiths for their briefings and their arduous work.

As the year begins, we strongly encourage the continued efforts to reinstate the truce between the Yemeni Authorities and the Houthis/Ansar Allah movement. We hope for the continued consolidation of the tangible benefits that the respite in fighting brought to the Yemeni people.

We deem it essential that the Council support the efforts towards a political settlement of the conflict that can lead to a durable peace and stability in the country.

At the stage we are, particularly, concerned over:

- the unparalleled humanitarian tragedy;

- the continued threat to the free movement of goods in one of the most important chocking points and international shipping lane; and
- the sanctuary the conflict might offer to terrorists and extremists.

Mozambique joins the voices of those Council members that repudiate in the strongest possible terms the continued violence against humanitarian personnel, restrictions to humanitarian work and operations. We call for the immediate release of all aid workers held captive.

We are disturbed by reports of continued recruitment of children as combatants, as well as the widespread and indiscriminate use of landmines and unexploded ordinances, which result in high casualties on civilians, mostly women and children.

We wish to remind the involved parties of their obligations under international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL).

Mr. President

It is Mozambique's considered view that the risk of relapse into renewed war is still high. We believe no efforts should be spared in averting such development.

We echo the calls for an urgent and generous response by the international community to the UN's humanitarian appeal for Yemen.

Finally, we commend, in particular, the openness and willingness of the Yemeni Government to find a negotiated solution of the conflict.

We reiterate our strong support to the important work being done by the Special Envoy.

I thank you!