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**Clustered ID with the Special Rapporteur on the right to education and the Independent Expert  
on international solidarity**

**Thank you Mr. President,**

Four years in to Saudi led war on Yemen, the country's education system has been shattered. As a result of indiscriminate attack on schools- which is a violation of the Law of the War- the total number of out-of-school children now stands at 2 million, more than 2,500 schools are out of use. Children risk being killed on their way to school. Fearing for their children's safety, many parents choose to keep their children at home. The lack of access to education has pushed children and families to dangerous alternatives, including early marriage, child labour and recruitment into the fighting.

Yemeni children are paying the heaviest price. Every ten minutes, a child under five dies of preventable causes. "An entire generation of children in Yemen faces a bleak future because of limited or no access to education. Even those who remain in school are not getting the quality education they need"

Saudi-led coalition's indiscriminate air strikes continue to claim the lives of thousands of Yemenis' with complete impunity, of which the majority are children and women.

**Mr President,**

Children and education staff must be kept out of harm's way and schools must be maintained as safe zones for learning, not a battle ground for self-serving and politicised "human rights" agenda.

ICSFT urges Saudi-led coalition to immediately stop its military operation and attack on schools and civilians.

Quality education is a human rights afforded for all and Yemeni children are no exception. We urge the international community, in particular the UN to stop the silent diplomacy on Yemen and protect children's education and life unconditionally. Mere lip service is not only insufficient but may act to normalize this man-made catastrophe.

**Thank you Mr. President**

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