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Mr. president

ICSFT would like to draw the council's attention to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait's criminal justice system that fails to deliver basic accountability and impartial justice system as per international law. Fair and public trials by an independent and impartial tribunal have become a foreign concept in these countries. Civilians are tried in military and specialized criminal courts, and the judiciary system has been hijacked to criminalize dissent and maintain repressive political order. As well these governments' refuse to engage with special procedures in good faith.

Mr. president,

In the face of mounting evidence of abuses, we urge these countries to commit to non-cosmetic technical cooperation with the OHCHR and special procedures for a much needed human rights reform.

The Saudi-led coalition is carrying out indiscriminate air attacks in Yemen that amount to war crimes with complete impunity. During this council meeting, the coalition forces are attacking Hodeida, a life line for Yemenis. This comes after the UNSC rejected a text calling on forces led by Saudi Arabia and the UAE to implement a ceasefire with US and UK opposing this text.

How many more Yemenis need to die before this council recognizes the dire situation of human rights abuses by the coalition? The plight of the Yemeni people is not "technical".

The council should practice the principles of impartiality, objectivity, non-politicization in all of its work, if human rights is still our agenda!

I thank you

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