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Crisis in Yemen

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On 2 July, the United Nations added Yemen to the list of highest-level humanitarian emergencies; a level 3 crisis. The country is facing a humanitarian catastrophe, with 21 million people, 80% of Yemen's population, in need of humanitarian assistance. A major food crisis is looming.

The EU supports the current UN efforts towards a lasting, predictable and sustainable humanitarian ceasefire. Such a pause should allow the urgent delivery of humanitarian assistance and essential supplies, including fuel, food and basic commodities. It is therefore essential that commercial shipping access to Yemen be further eased.

All parties have the responsibility to ensure the respect of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law, following the principles of impartiality, neutrality and independence. This means protecting civilians and refraining from directly targeting civilian infrastructure. Safe and unimpeded access by humanitarian organisations working on the ground is needed.

Today is the 100th day since the exile of President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the launch of the Saudi-led coalition airstrikes against the continuing advance of Houthi and pro-Saleh forces in Yemen.

There is no other way out of the current crisis than through genuine dialogue and an inclusive political process under UN stewardship. Only a broad political consensus based on the parameters set by UN Security Council resolution 2216 can provide a sustainable solution to the crisis, tackle the threat of terrorist groups and prevent further regional instability.

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