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Report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the visit of the UN mission sent to Yemen, No. A/HRC/19/51

**Memorandum of Southern Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR):**

The President of the nineteenth session of the Council the United Nations human rights Council

Ms. of High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Gentlemen of the delegations Member States of the Human Rights Council.

The Gentlemen of the delegations of the observer states at the 19th session of the Human Rights Council.

The Gentlemen of the delegations of international and regional organizations and national human rights organizations

With a great interest we are looked to the content of the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the visit of the UN mission to Yemen during the period from 20 to 27 of December 2011 No. A/HRC/19/51. That report, which explained that the Yemeni government forces are continuing to use excessive force against civilians who are exercising their right to peaceful assembly.

Here, we draw your attention if the Committee was visited the southern provinces, and specifically the province of Aden. It could be touch by herself Size of the terrible human rights violations, and those violations that exceeded the character of the particle to live up to the level of crimes against humanity "crimes of genocide" which as defined in "Rome system" to the International Criminal Court.

Despite of the decision of your esteemed Council No. 19/18 on September 29 2011 that Judge formation of a national commission of inquiry to look into violations of human rights, which are pledged to the Yemeni government formation. This report of the High Commissioner stressed that the Committee has not yet established. And this refers to the Yemeni government that is not fulfill its international obligation which lost thousands of dead, wounded, prisoners and other victims of human rights violations. And which allowed them from impunity. This situation put the Council in front of the legal and moral responsibility and to look for another mechanism to guarantee those rights.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights recommended that the work of the High Commissioner for Human Rights contained in the text of its report no. A/HRC/18/21, Judge of the Commission to find an independent international investigation, as a mechanism can be relied upon justice for the victims, and not allowed the perpetrators from impunity.

As a guarantee to limit these violations, we see that is an importance from yours to appoint of a special rapporteur on human rights in Yemen, through which the citizens can be assured of their rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights draws attention of the international community represented by the distinguished council that the citizens of South Yemen lost since 1994, subject to various types of gross violations of their rights, which are not only the political and civil rights, but also in social and economic development. And such violations have increased since 2007; the year of the start of the peaceful popular movement in Southern Yemen in which they are demanding the right of the people of the South to self-determination.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights sees that the stop of the violations is to empower people of the South to enjoy the right to self-determination, the right guaranteed by international conventions, and adopted by the international community. The people of South Yemen had previously been represented in your council distinguished, while the previous government (People's Democratic Republic of Yemen) occupies its place among nations as a permanent member of the Organization of the United Nations.

We are in the Southern Observatory for Human Rights call upon the United Nations Council for Human Rights to solidarity with the people of southern Yemen to be enable to enjoy the right to self-determination and to determine his own choices and orientations.

The Southern Observatory for Human Rights takes the session of your esteemed Council to express his appreciation to all of you for the attention of you to the human rights in Yemen.

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