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*Excellency,*

*We are pleased to inform you that Sweden, Switzerland and the European Union will co-host a virtual High-Level event on “Yemen: Responding to the crises within the world’s largest humanitarian crisis” on Wednesday, 22 September 2021, in the margins of the high-level week of the 76<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations. We are equally pleased to invite you or another high-level representative to attend and contribute to this event. Please find enclosed more information on the objectives of the meeting, including a programme.*

*Yemen remains the world’s worst humanitarian crisis and the needs are rapidly increasing. The conflict continues to take a heavy toll on the population. Amongst the most vulnerable people are women and children. The humanitarian response in Yemen is critically underfunded with the risk of forcing the United Nations and other humanitarian actors to scale back or shut down live-saving activities. Urgent and decisive action by the international community is required.*

*The aim of this meeting is to raise attention to this alarming situation and to discuss collectively the multiple levels of engagement that the humanitarian crisis in Yemen requires. The meeting will include a high-level panel discussion, co-hosted by Sweden and the European Union, on the growing humanitarian needs of the multi-faceted crisis in Yemen and the challenges of protecting and reaching the most vulnerable. The discussion is followed by a call to mobilise urgently needed funding and the announcement of new pledges for the humanitarian response, co-hosted by Sweden and Switzerland.*

*Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.*

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Vice President of Switzerland and  
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