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Good Afternoon,

The Saudi-led coalition has initiated a two-week nation-wide ceasefire in Yemen to help prevent the spread of the pandemic and support efforts to achieve a permanent ceasefire. In addition, Saudi Arabia has committed another \$500 million in aid, on top of the \$15 billion already committed plus \$25 million for coronavirus containment. The ceasefire presents an important opportunity for peace in Yemen. The Houthis have repeatedly violated previous agreements and it is critical that Congress support the Kingdom and press the Houthis to accept and adhere to the ceasefire and engage in meaningful peace talks.

Below, please find a statement from the Official Spokesman of the Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen, COL Turki Al-Malki. We would appreciate any feedback you have to these welcome developments.

The Joint Forces Command of the Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen declares a comprehensive ceasefire in Yemen for a period of two weeks, starting on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 12:00 KSA time. The two week period is subject to extension

Statement by the Official Spokesman of the Coalition to Restore Legitimacy in Yemen

“Based on its previous announcement on March 25, 2020, the Joint Forces Command of the Coalition supported the Yemeni government’s decision to accept the United Nations Secretary General’s call to a ceasefire in Yemen in order to counter the spread of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As well as welcoming the call by the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy to Yemen Mr. Martin Griffiths to deescalate tensions, take practical confidence building measures between different parties, and focus on humanitarian and economic development.

The Coalition is determined to create a conducive environment for the UN Envoy’s efforts, and to alleviate the suffering of the brotherly people of Yemen and support the efforts towards combatting the spread of COVID-19 pandemic. To that end, the Coalition announces a comprehensive ceasefire in Yemen for a period of two weeks, starting on Thursday, April 9, 2020. at 12:00 KSA time.

The two week period is subject to extension to allow for appropriate conditions to implement the UN Envoy’s call for a UN sponsored meeting between the legitimate government of Yemen, the Houthis, and military representatives from the Coalition to discuss his proposals on steps and mechanisms to implement a permanent ceasefire in Yemen, confidence building measures on humanitarian and economic sides, and to resume the political process between Yemeni parties in order to reach a comprehensive political solution in Yemen.

The Coalition will seize this opportunity to unite all efforts to reach a comprehensive and lasting cease-fire in Yemen, and agree on serious, concrete and direct steps to alleviate the suffering of the brotherly Yemeni people and maintain their health and safety. The Coalition

will support all efforts to reach a fair and comprehensive political solution agreed upon by all Yemenis.”

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