High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHAT: High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen hosted by the

United Nations and the Governments of Switzerland and Sweden.

WHO: Mr. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Mr. Ueli Maurer, Vice President of Switzerland and Minister of the Federal

Department of Finance

Ms. Isabella Lövin, Deputy Prime Minister of Sweden and Minister for International

Development Cooperation and Climate

WHEN: 3 April 2018 from 10.00 a.m. Media stakeout at 1.00 p.m.

WHERE: Room XVIII, Palais des Nations, Geneva

The United Nations and the Governments of Sweden and Switzerland will convene a High-Level Pledging Event for the Humanitarian Crisis in Yemen, in Geneva, on 3 April to raise awareness of the humanitarian crisis in Yemen and mobilise resources in support of the response.

The humanitarian situation in Yemen continues to deteriorate due to widespread conflict, displacement, food insecurity, collapsing basic services, outbreaks of cholera and diphtheria, and economic decline. A record 22.2 million people, or 75 percent of the population, are now in need of humanitarian assistance – 3.4 million more than last year.

The United Nations and its humanitarian partners have launched an international <u>appeal</u> for US\$2.96 billion to provide neutral and impartial life-saving assistance and protection to people in Yemen in 2018. The conference will seek funding to this appeal, but donors can also pledge towards humanitarian action not included in the appeal.

The high-level event is open to the press and will be livestreamed from 10:00 a.m. CET. A media stakeout will take place at 1:00 p.m. CET in the Palais des Nations. A special event on access in Yemen is included in the afternoon programme.

Media representatives holding an accreditation to the UN in Geneva do not need to register. For other journalists, please register through: https://reg.unog.ch/event/24238/

Programme: https://bit.ly/2DWdc0Y

Live streaming: http://webtv.un.org

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