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## Yemen in the eye of the Storm...

### The Seizure of Oil Derivatives Ships Threatens the Collapse of the Health and Service System and All Labor and Production Facilities

Since the beginning of this year, the International Council Supporting Fair Trial and Human Rights has been closely following - with great concern - the catastrophic and humanitarian consequences of the collapse of the health and service sector system and all labor and production facilities in Yemen. The ICSFT also considers with concern the worsening humanitarian situation and the extent to which the situation in Yemen has worsened as a result of continued sea piracy and offshore detention of oil derivatives vessels, as the eighth year of the blockade against Yemen enters.

However, allied Coalition States continue to hold oil derivatives ships loaded with gasoline, diesel, and gas offshore for varying periods. This constitutes a case of maritime piracy in a precedent that has not occurred worldwide. It should be noted that all vessels detained are considered to be up to date with all screening procedures through the mechanism of the United Nations Verification and Inspection Mission in Djibouti (UNVIM) as they have obtained the relevant permits.

The ICSFT asserts that these operations are a grave violation and a flagrant violation of the four Geneva Conventions, the norms of international humanitarian law, and the United Nations High Seas Law, as well as all applicable laws and customs. Moreover, the insistence of the States of the Alliance of Aggression on detaining ships and depriving the Yemeni people of them without any justification is arbitrary, exposing the lives of an entire people to hunger and disease and inflicting material and moral damage on them. This behavior is also an attempt to subject the Yemeni people to almost impossible living conditions that may lead to their actual loss in whole or in part.

Today, the Yemeni people are rapidly moving towards the worst famine the world has ever seen, and they need the cargo of those ships more urgently and urgently than ever before. The

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recovery of ships in custody contributes to the full functioning of the health and service system and all labor and production facilities. The United Nations bodies concerned, first and foremost the Special Rapporteur on the right to health, should take immediate and serious action to save the health sector and ensure the right to health for all Yemeni citizens, their access to health care, and all human rights guaranteed to them in all divine religions and international laws in force.

The ICSFT renews its calls to the international community and relevant United Nations bodies to take immediate action to stop sea piracy by the coalition of aggression against Yemen. It also calls for action to ensure the access of ships to the port of Hodeida to avoid the catastrophic humanitarian situation resulting from the procrastination of detention.

The ICSFT also goes to the "Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" and calls on her to intervene immediately in this regard. The ICSFT confirms that the difficult humanitarian situation in Yemen, in conjunction with the determination of the States of the Alliance of Aggression to continue their acts of sea piracy against ships, demonstrates that the policy of aggression is directed towards the mass execution and genocide of the Yemeni people.

The ICSFT also affirms that coercive measures imposed by the Saudi-led coalition of aggression to subject citizens to their policy are also a threat to good-neighborliness, which is one of the most fundamental principles governing political relations between neighboring States.

The ICSFT points out that any breach of this principle has a negative impact on the stability of the entire region, not only on the relations of the two neighboring States. Thus, Saudi Arabia's role is not only to commit humanitarian crimes in Yemen but also to create tension in the entire region, threaten international peace and security and undermine the course of the peace process that the United Nations is striving to promote.