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Dear {MP Name},

**Urgent request: Ceasefire in Yemen**

I’m writing to express my ongoing concern about the Yemen conflict and the humanitarian toll

its taking on the Yemeni people. In October, the UN warned that Yemen could be facing the

world’s worst famine in over 100 years with more than 5 million people at risk of famine.

Yemen stands as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world, with 75% of Yemenis needing

humanitarian aid or protection. Nearly half of all children are chronically malnourished and eighty five thousand children under 5 have starved to death already. 3.1 million have been displaced and over a million have contracted cholera.

 March 2019 marks the four-year anniversary of the conflict. For the 12 million Yemenis on the cusp of famine and for the country as a whole, the Hudaydah ceasefire agreement brokered by UN Special Envoy for Yemen, Martin Griffiths represents a significant step towards peace in Yemen. But three months on, fighting and airstrikes are continuing in other parts of Yemen, killing and displacing many civilians and increasing the risk of famine and disease.

The UK Government has played an important role in helping to secure the agreement, including Jeremy Hunt attending in person, but there is still much more to be done to bring about peace and end the suffering of Yemeni people.

It is vital that the UK Government:

1. Put the upmost diplomatic pressure on the Saudis and Emiratis to:
* agree to ceasefire talks covering the entire country, and to join inclusive peace negotiations leading to a lasting political settlement,
* inject money into Yemen’s central bank so tens of thousands of public sector workers, including those in Houthi-controlled areas, can be paid,
* stop bombing populated areas
* suspend UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates whilst their remains a clear risk that these will be used to commit serious violations of international humanitarian law.
1. Urge all parties to the conflict to facilitate rapid access to humanitarian and commercial supplies of food, medicine and fuel,

**As my MP, I am asking you to do whatever you can to show your support for the people of**

**Yemen and to urge the Foreign Secretary to help end the violence by ensuring not just that the**

**ceasefire in Hudaydah holds, but a nationwide ceasefire is also agreed.**

Please consider:

* Requesting a meeting with the Foreign Secretary, either alone or jointly with other politicians and international NGOs
* Writing a letter to the Foreign Secretary
* Raising your concerns as oral and written questions in parliament.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

{Your name}