



Committee: General Assembly

Topic: Yemeni Civil War

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Background

The General Assembly is recognized as one of the six main organs of the United Nations. It is principally known as the only committee in which all of the Member States have an equal representation: one nation, one vote. This committee's procedure provides a unique forum which leads to a multilateral discussion of the full spectrum of international issues covered by the Charter. It also plays a significant role during the process of standard-setting and the codification of international law. The General Assembly has multiple functions, these are: achieving the reach of certain goals to attain peace, security and disarmament along with development and poverty eradication, safeguard human rights and promoting the rule of law around the world, protect our common environment, specially natural areas, meet the special needs of countries that have several issues in different ways and at last but not least the importance of strengthening the United Nations.

Yemen nowadays, due to its instability, doesn't only focus on the economic, but also encompasses a series of political, social and cultural factors. These problems lead to a certain level of daily difficulty in which human rights aren't guaranteed and are being violated, given the current situation in the country, which absolutely doesn't provide the needed satisfaction of basic needs: such as food, health and education, as well as definitely not guaranteeing a standard of living suitable for the Yemen's population. One of the world's worst humanitarian crisis is

today unfolding in Yemen. Even before the current armed conflict, this desert nation on the edge of the Arabian peninsula, which became home to 28 million people, certainly was already the poorest country in the Arab world.

The armed conflict, situated in Yemen has ended with many lives and injured thousands of Yemeni civilians since it began. Since the beginnings of November 2018, 6,872 civilians have been strongly injured and 10,768 wounded, according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). The actual civilian casualties are likely much higher. Thousands of Yemeni civilians have been displaced because of the fighting and also millions have been through pain from shortages of food and medical care. UNICEF has deeply tried to concern about the reality the millions of families across Yemen. Making them be fully aware that soon or late, they'll be without food, without clean water and without sanitation. And all of these because of "the deepening economic crisis and unrelenting violence in the port city of Hudaydah".

Towards this huge conflict, the humanitarian Agency is appealing for talks to establish peace in the war-torn region, so they will be able to avoid the lead to disease outbreaks, the increased malnutrition and raising the risk of famine.

Recent Developments

- Towards this conflict, a fight broke out in the coast of Aden's City, which is the temporary seat, internationally recognized by the government of Yemen. The conflict wasn't because of the Saudi-led coalition battling Iranian-backed Houthi rebels, as it has usually been the case in the country for the past four years of civil armed conflict. Instead, the groups within the coalition took arms and fought with each other. This led to the arrival against dozens of lives and threatening the alliance between Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Guide Questions:

1. How is your delegation approaching this conflict?
2. What is the current situation in Yemen?
3. What caused the Yemen crisis?
4. Is the conflict a Saudi-Iranian armed conflict?
5. What's the role of Saudi Arabia in Yemen's conflict?
6. What other countries are involved in this conflict?

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