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Subject: Note from Ivan Zapien

Good afternoon, Jose and Louise –

I wanted to keep you updated on how the Kingdom of Saudi is leading regional efforts related to the current ceasefire and COVID mitigation in Yemen.

- 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 Houthi's watch what Congress says and what it does. It is critical that Congress press the Houthis to accept and adhere to the ceasefire and engage in meaningful peace talks.**

In addition, for your background, below is the text of Vice Minister of Defense Prince Khalid Bin Salman's statements on Twitter, [which can also be found here](#).

- The Kingdom has always been committed to reaching a comprehensive political settlement in Yemen, and based on our responsibility to bring stability to the region at such a critical time, the Coalition to restore legitimacy in Yemen has declared a two week long ceasefire initiative.
- The Kingdom fully supports [@OSE Yemen](#)'s calls for de-escalation, confidence building measures, and resumption of political talks between Yemeni parties.
- Yemen is particularly vulnerable to a COVID-19 outbreak, KSA will contribute \$500 Million to the UN HRP for Yemen in 2020, and an additional \$25 Million to help combat the pandemic. It is up to Houthis to put the health and safety of the Yemeni people above all else.
- The two week ceasefire will hopefully create a more effective climate to deescalate tensions, work with [@OSE Yemen](#) towards a sustainable political settlement, and focus efforts on securing the health and safety of our Yemeni brothers.
- The Houthis must finally show good will by seriously engaging UN Envoy Mr. Martin Griffiths towards implementing steps that will ease the suffering of the Yemeni people and protect the Yemeni people from an Epidemic of which the world has never seen before.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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