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**Letter dated 19 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the
Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations addressed to
the President of the Security Council**

I am pleased to attach herewith a statement by the members of the Yemen Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum, condemning the Houthi's illegitimate appointment of a military colonel as the Commission's Secretary-General (see annex).

I should greatly appreciate it if the statement would be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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**Annex to the letter dated 19 July 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

[Original: Arabic]

Statement issued by the Yemen Supreme Commission for Elections

We, the members of Yemen Supreme Commission for Elections and Referendum, condemn the appointment by the de facto authorities in Sana'a of a military colonel as the Commission's Secretary-General. By taking that action, which shows no regard for the independence of the Commission, the de facto authorities have flagrantly violated the neutrality and independence of the Commission and grossly interfered in its affairs. They have done so despite a court judgment upholding the independence of the Commission and prohibiting interference in any of its affairs, including appointments. We also condemn the handover procedures that are taking place under duress and without the Commission's consent.

We emphasize that the Commission does not endorse any actions that our colleagues may be forced to take. Even if enacted, those actions do not reflect the Commission's convictions and will not be recognized. We call upon the international and human rights organizations to stand against such actions, protect the Commission from any measures that could affect its independence and neutrality, and protect the safety and neutrality of its members.
