
Peace Resolution from the Children of Yemen to the World

The Children of Yemen,

“Recalling previous UN Security Council resolutions on Yemen,

“Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the rights for every child secured within it,

“Reaffirming our support for and commitment to efforts by the international community and the UN to secure peace in Yemen,

“Recognising that millions of children in Yemen suffer greatly because of this war and that we have been deprived of many things,

“Reaffirming that we are children like any others and recognising that we are all humans and we have the same feelings and emotions and our bodies are like other children,

“Noting that the war has worn us down. Our smiles are gone, our bodies are in pain and weak and our hearts are ripping apart; but our feelings are sincere and pure,

“Expressing our sorrow that there are children who have been orphaned, that the war is destroying homes and mothers are left in a state of worry about their children,

“Asking the world why we must endure bombs and bullets? And why is living in Yemen completely different from the experiences of children living elsewhere?

1. **“Demand** an immediate end to the war. We are so tired of crying from physical and emotional pain. We want to see Yemen smiling again. We want the fighting to stop so Yemen can be allowed to live like the rest of the world in peace;
2. **“Call** on all political parties, authorities and countries to find a solution to end the war in Yemen and resolve all the conflicts;
3. **“Demand** all our rights. We want our voices to be heard. We want to be cared for like any other child. We want an education. We want the chance to go to school. We want to draw, eat, laugh and play. We have the right to learn and be looked after, to grow up and pursue our dreams. It is our right to have clean water to drink every day. We have a right to freedom of movement – to be able to travel from one place to another without worrying about being stopped, kidnapped or attacked. We want girl’s rights to be enforced and we don’t want to feel discriminated against;
4. **“Express** grave concern at the insecurity in Yemen. When we walk, we are scared, when we sleep, we are scared. When we play, we are scared. We don’t want to live in a warzone anymore, we are sick of it;
5. **“Express** our wish not to see our brothers and sisters afraid of airplanes and crying all the time because of the airstrikes and bombs;
6. **“Demand** that Yemen and its people be protected. We have a right to be able to sleep at night peacefully without fear, to spend time with our friends and families, to not have our parents have to comfort us when we hear the bombardments. We don’t want our parents to be harmed and we want displaced families to be able to go back to their houses safely;

7. **“Express** our wish to see our brothers and sisters happy and doing what they like, like drawing; to be able to go to the cinema and play in the park;
8. **“Call** for the help from the international community so we are able to live in peace, love and happiness with a respectful life. We want the children of Yemen to be helped;
9. **“Express** our grave concern that our parents are drowning in debt. Some of our parents have not been paid a salary in four years while many others have lost their jobs, so our parents come home empty handed. They are worried they won’t be able to provide for us;
10. **“Demand** an end to the blockade on Yemen and for gas to be readily available and to have electricity so we can watch TV and do our homework in the evenings.
11. **“Demand** our right to nutritious food that is easy to buy, for our parents to have jobs, for food and water to be provided to the poor and for us to be able to have an allowance;
12. **“Reiterate** to the world: we are innocent. We are children just like any other children, just like your children;
13. **“Decide** to remain actively engaged and committed to achieving peace in Yemen.”