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To: Baleka Mbete,

National Assembly of South Africa,

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen first presents you with its best regards and wishes you success in your work. We wish to inform you that the Republic of Yemen has been subjected for three years to an unjust barbaric aggression and an unprecedented land, sea and air blockade by the countries of the aggression coalition led by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Tens of thousands of Yemeni citizens, mostly children, women and the elderly were killed and injured, the infrastructure and houses were destroyed above the heads of its inhabitants, and the public and private facilities and all the Yemeni people's development and economic capabilities were collapsed. The unjust blockade has also prevented imports of food, pharmaceuticals, fuel and all necessities of life into our country.

Moreover, the outgoing president Abdo Rabo Mansour Hadi carried out illegal measures including transferring the Central Bank of Yemen from the capital Sana'a to the city of Aden and the consequent suspension of salaries payment of employees and retirees as well as social security cases from the date of transfer of the bank in September 2016, and the acquisition of proceeds oil and gas as well as customs resources at the land, sea and air ports under the control of the coalition countries, noting that the budget of the Republic of Yemen was dependent on oil and gas revenues by 75%. This led to the spread of unemployment and poverty among citizens and the spread of diseases, including cholera; the Yemeni people, according to international reports, face the largest humanitarian disaster in the world.

In addition to the above, we inform you that the illegitimate government of Abdo Rabo Mansour Hadi, continues to take measures that harm the citizens and increase their suffering. In October 2017, it signed an agreement with Huawei, the UAE branch, for the transfer of the international gateway and the Internet to Aden.

We would like to point out that the implementation of this agreement will have major consequences, including:

1- The duplication of the international gateway and the Internet and the consequent of the services deterioration and disruption of the telecommunications sector as well as the violation of the license of TeleYemen Company issued by the Yemeni government since its establishment in 1972.
2- Dividing the telecommunications sector and partitioning its infrastructure and its institutions which operate neutrally and independently, providing their services throughout the Republic of Yemen on purely commercial and service bases.

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We would also like to point out that this agreement is unconstitutional because it falls within the framework of the agreements relating to sovereignty and entails financial obligations to the State Treasury, which makes the validity of its issuance subject to the approval of the House of Representatives in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Article (16) stipulates that "The Executive Authority may not hold or guarantee loans or engage in a project that will entail expenditure from the State treasury in a future year or years, except with the approval of the House of Representatives."

Article (92) of the Constitution stipulates that "The House of Representatives shall ratify international political and economic treaties and agreements of a general nature, whatever their form or level, especially those relating to defense, alliance, reconciliation, peace and borders or which entail financial obligations to the State or whose implementation requires the enactment of a law."

Furthermore, this agreement violates the law and the basic law of TeleYemen Company because its signature by the Minister of Communications in the outgoing Hadi government is in violation of the law since he is not qualified as the statute of TeleYemen Company and the law of commercial companies require a decision of the board of directors unanimously and sign the agreement with others after the decision the chief executive of the Company in accordance with the terms of reference granted by the Articles of Association of the Company.

Therefore, the House of Representatives considers this agreement illegitimate and null, because it violates the constitution and the law, and it threatens the unity of Yemen and reshapes Yemen and its fragmentation, and contradicts the resolutions of the UN Security Council, all of which emphasize the unity of Yemen and its independence and territorial integrity. Additionally, its repercussions will exceed the damage caused by the transfer of the Central Bank to the governorate of Aden, which the Yemeni people still suffer from to this day.

Therefore, the House of Representatives requests you to intervene seriously to prevent the implementation of this agreement.

Best regards,

Yahya Ali al-Ra'ei

Speaker