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Amendment 1

Mick Wallace

on behalf of The Left Group

Joint motion for a resolution

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Humanitarian and political situation in Yemen

Joint motion for a resolution

Recital A

Joint motion for a resolution

A. whereas 10 years ago, in February 2011, mass protests began in what became known as the Yemeni revolution, which later led to the departure of President Ali Abdullah Saleh after 33 years of dictatorship; whereas this uprising reflected the deep aspirations of the people of Yemen for democracy, freedom, social justice and human dignity;

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A. whereas 10 years ago, in February 2011, mass protests began in what became known as the Yemeni revolution, which later led to the departure of President Ali Abdullah Saleh after 33 years of dictatorship; whereas this uprising reflected the deep aspirations of the people of Yemen for democracy, freedom, social justice and human dignity; ***whereas the protests against neoliberal reforms in Yemen in 2010 and 2011 led to the ousting of President Ali Abdullah Saleh on 25 February 2012 and the imposition of an interim administration headed by Saleh's Vice-President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi; whereas Hadi's Government continued the highly unpopular implementation of structural adjustments, International Monetary Fund (IMF) reforms, privatisation, austerity and the financialisation of the Yemeni economy that had been initiated under Saleh and interrupted by the uprisings in 2010 and 2011; whereas during the interim period of 2012-2014, widespread unrest and destitution resulted from the implementation of World Bank and IMF austerity programmes; whereas***

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the Hadi administration reneged on many leases for agriculture, oil and gas and fisheries assets in order to sign them over to US-allied Saudi Arabian and Qatari companies;

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Recital B a (new)

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Ba. whereas the Hadi administration, with the international support of the US, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, gave free reign to armed groups linked to Muslim Brotherhood affiliates; whereas these affiliates, as well as members of the US-trained special units in the Yemeni army, foreign fighters and local loyalists pursued and murdered Yemeni leaders who continued to oppose the political and economic project being imposed on the country by Hadi; whereas these actions, coupled with the widespread perception that Hadi was servicing foreign interests, causing living standards to plummet and failing to satisfy any of the demands of the 2010-2011 movement led to the takeover of Sana'a and Hadi being placed under house arrest by Ansar Allah in late 2014;

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Recital C a (new)

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Amendment

Ca. whereas on 21 September 2014, with the assistance of the UN-appointed envoy to Yemen, Jamal Benomar, interim president Hadi signed the Peace and National Partnership Agreement with Ansar Allah and the leaders of all the major political parties; whereas this agreement prioritised the holding of elections that had been promised by the Obama administration and the Gulf Cooperation Council in 2012; whereas the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia opposed this move towards power sharing in Yemen and resolved to reverse these developments;

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Recital D a (new)

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Da. whereas the ongoing Saudi-led war against Yemen began in March 2015 under the name Operation Decisive Storm, was rebranded a month later as Operation Restoring Hope and has plunged the country into a deep humanitarian crisis;

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Recital E a (new)

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Ea. whereas the coalition led by Saudi Arabia, which also includes the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sudan, Senegal, Kuwait, Jordan, Egypt and Bahrain, and has included Qatar (2015-2017) and Morocco (2015-2019), is responsible for the killing of tens of thousands of civilians through airstrikes and forces on the ground, including mercenary forces; whereas the main aim of this intervention was to restore the unelected Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi to power at any cost; whereas this intervention is a direct violation of Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations; whereas the coalition has committed grave violations of international humanitarian law that amount to war crimes, including strikes on residential areas, markets, hospitals, schools, farms, food production facilities and water infrastructure;

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Recital F a (new)

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Amendment

Fa whereas the coalition has imposed a blockade on Yemeni ports and severe airspace restrictions, and has carried out repeated attacks on infrastructure indispensable for the survival of the civilian population, which have resulted in a widespread famine; whereas the Sana'a International Airport has been closed to commercial flights for more than four years, meaning that Yemenis living across the northern parts of the country have not been able to fly out, including seriously ill civilians who have not been able to seek lifesaving treatment since the closure; whereas the repeated closures of the airport to humanitarian flights have hindered the movement into and within Yemen of humanitarian personnel, equipment, provisions and essential supplies; whereas economic warfare has resulted in cyclical and dramatic shortages of fuel since February 2019; whereas fuel ships are being blocked from docking and unloading at Al-Hodeidah port as a result of the dispute over the collection of customs duties and tax, and the use of revenues

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from the fuel; whereas fuel and gas shortages have disrupted electricity, water, sanitation and health services, and have increased the cost of basic goods; whereas as a result of the fuel shortages, displaced and vulnerable people are struggling to get to distribution points and to access services;

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Amendment 7

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Joint motion for a resolution

Paragraph 11

Joint motion for a resolution

11. Underlines that EU-based arms exporters that fuel the conflict in Yemen are non-compliant with several criteria of the legally binding Council Common Position 2008/944/CFSP on arms exports; reiterates its call, in this respect, for an EU-wide ban on the export, sale, update and maintenance of any form of security equipment to members of the coalition, including Saudi Arabia and the UAE, given the serious breaches of international humanitarian and human rights law committed in Yemen;

Amendment

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Paragraph 13 a (new)

Joint motion for a resolution

Amendment

13a. Condemns the EU's connivance and complicity with reactionary regimes in the region; is highly critical of the role played by the various Western interventions of recent years in exacerbating conflicts in the area; states that there can be no military solution to the conflicts in the region; rejects the use of the notion of the 'responsibility to protect', also used as a pretext by different parties to the conflict in Yemen, as it violates international law and does not offer an adequate legal basis for justifying the unilateral use of force;

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Paragraph 14 a (new)

Joint motion for a resolution

Amendment

14a. Condemns the role of the US in the conflict, which has promoted and actively participated in violent acts; calls on the Member States to immediately cease any form of technical support or cooperation with the parties to the conflict; demands that the US and its allies, including EU Member States, put a stop to all support for the war against Yemen, including arms sales into the conflict, intelligence sharing, any part in enforcing the blockade, aerial targeting assistance, the training of forces, maintenance, and the refuelling and repair of vehicles and aircraft;

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Paragraph 16 a (new)

Joint motion for a resolution

Amendment

16a. Condemns the increased role of Israel in the conflict in Yemen, in particular the illegal establishment of a UAE and Israeli intelligence base on the occupied Yemeni island of Socotra; urges the UN to investigate claims by Yemeni officials that the Israeli administration, in collaboration with the UAE, is exploiting the natural resources of Socotra island; calls on the UN, in the light of these infractions, to ensure safeguards are put in place to protect the remote Arabian Sea archipelago which is a candidate for UNESCO recognition as a world natural heritage site for its biodiversity and natural beauty;

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