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HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

RE: YEMEN CONFLICT

Thank you for contacting me about the conflict in Yemen.

As you are aware, but for complete clarity, no British forces are involved in this conflict and the UK is not a participant. However, the UK supports the Saudi-led campaign to restore the legitimate Government in Yemen. President Hadi and the coalition that has been created to support him has the backing of the UN, through resolution 2216, so the call to support President Hadi is legitimate and appropriate as a member of the UN Security Council.

Ultimately, a political solution is the best way to bring long-term stability to Yemen and end the conflict. The suffering of the people of Yemen is deeply concerning, which is why making progress on peace talks is the top priority. The UN has drawn up a road map for ending the conflict, which outlines the security and political steps the parties must take and the UK is taking a central role in this.

Yemen is one of the most serious humanitarian crises in the world. I am pleased that the UK is the fourth largest aid donor to Yemen, committing £100 million to Yemen for 2016-17. UK aid is already making a difference - last year we helped more than 1.3 million Yemenis with food, medical supplies, water and emergency shelter.

I would like to stress that the UK has an important working relationship with Saudi Arabia, which enables us to have frank conversations and work together in stopping terrorist attacks from taking place. That relationship does help the Gulf and, arguably, the region and the UK to be safer places than would otherwise be the case.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Quin'.