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## Yemen

YEM/03 - Nasser Mohamed Alkhubagi

YEM/04 - Salah Qaid Saleh Alshanfara

YEM/06 - Aidaroos Nasr Nasser Al-Naqeeb

YEM/07 - Sultan Ahmed Abdurrab Assamai

### ***Decision adopted by the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians at its 149<sup>th</sup> session (Geneva, 15-25 January 2016)***

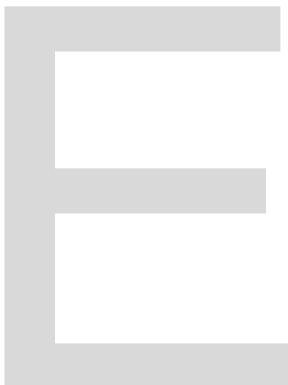
The Committee,

*Referring* to the cases of Mr. Nasser Mohamed Alkhubagi, Mr. Salah Qaid Saleh Alshanfara, Mr. Aidaroos Nasr Nasser Al-Naqeeb and Mr. Sultan Ahmed Abdurrab Assamai, all of whom are opposition members of the House of Representatives of Yemen, and to the decisions it adopted at its 143<sup>rd</sup> session (January 2014),

*Referring* to the report of the on-site mission that took place from 11 to 14 December 2010,

*Recalling* the following information on file relating to incidents that all took place long before the current breakdown of the political and security situation in Yemen:

- Mr. Salah Qaid Saleh Alshanfara and Mr. Nasser Mohammed Alkhubagi, both members of the House of Representatives since 2003, have allegedly been subjected to various forms of harassment and have been threatened with arrest on several occasions, in spite of their parliamentary immunity; the complainants alleged that this harassment was a reaction to the vocal and public calls by the parliamentarians concerned to properly address the hardship suffered in southern Yemen following the 1994 civil war; as a result, they have reportedly been unable to travel to Sana'a to fulfil their parliamentary duties;
- There have been unconfirmed reports that an assassination attempt was carried out against Mr. Alkhubagi in October 2013;
- In 2010, Mr. Al-Naqeeb, Chairperson of the parliamentary group of the Yemeni Socialist Party, was reportedly prevented on several occasions by the security forces in the Aden Governorate from visiting detainees in Aden City prison; the detainees had reportedly been unlawfully arrested by the security forces during an attack against the headquarters of Al-Ayyam newspaper; on 23 June 2010, Mr. Al-Naqeeb received death threats via an anonymous text message; he informed the competent authorities of the threat and requested an investigation; the investigation was reportedly never conducted; the complainants have indicated that Mr. Al-Naqeeb participated in the coalition government and that his security situation has subsequently improved;
- It was reported that Mr. Abdurrab Assamai was briefly arrested and detained on two occasions in May 2010 by members of the private guard of the President of Yemen while travelling in the Taiz Governorate; Mr. Assamai referred the matter to the House of Representatives which, according to the complainants, did not take any action; during the December 2010 on-site mission, the Speaker of the House of Representatives indicated



that Mr. Assamai had been arrested because he and his assistants were attempting to enter Taiz carrying firearms at a time when they were prohibited from doing so, because the President was due to visit at that time,

*Considering* that, despite numerous requests conveyed to the complainants, no updated information has been forthcoming since 2013,

1. *Concludes*, in light of the absence of any information from the complainants for an extended period of time, and despite numerous communications addressed to them, that the complainants have no interest in having these cases pursued further;
2. *Decides*, therefore, to close the cases pursuant to article 25(b) of its Procedure for the examination and treatment of complaints;
3. *Requests* the Secretary General to convey this decision to the parliamentary authorities and the complainants.