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Yemen

YEM08 - Abdulkareem Jadban

Decision adopted by the Committee on the Human Rights of Parliamentarians at its 152nd session (Geneva, 23-26 January 2017)

The Committee,

Referring to the case of Mr. Abdulkareem Jadban, a member of the House of Representatives of Yemen assassinated on 22 November 2013, and to the decision it adopted at its 143rd session (January 2014),

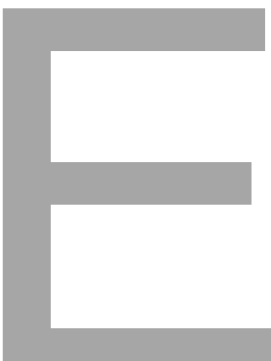
Recalling the following information provided by the complainant:

- On 22 November 2013, Mr. Abdulkareem Jadban, a member of the House of Representatives of Yemen and a Houthi representative of the National Dialogue Conference, was shot dead by two armed men on a motorcycle as he was leaving Al-Shawqani mosque in Sana'a;
- Members of the Houthi group have claimed that Mr. Jadban's assassination was politically motivated because of his stance and affiliation;
- The Yemeni Government and Parliament, as well as most political parties, have condemned the assassination;
- On 25 November 2013, the House of Representatives decided to summon the Government and security agencies to appear before it on 28 November to present a comprehensive report on the circumstances and measures taken in connection with the assassination of Mr. Jadban;
- The Secretary General of the House of Representatives of Yemen reported in January 2014 that the President of the Republic of Yemen had established a panel of inquiry to investigate the circumstances of Mr. Jadban's death and bring the perpetrators to justice, but that they had not yet been identified,

Considering that neither the complainant, nor the parliamentary authorities, have provided any new information on the case since 2014, despite repeated requests,

Taking into account that Yemen is a party to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,

1. *Deeply regrets* that the parliamentary authorities have failed to respond to its requests for information, and *invites* them to resume dialogue as soon as possible;
2. *Notes with deep concern* that, following the announcement of the establishment of a panel of inquiry in early 2014, no information has been provided on the outcome of this inquiry, or on any measures taken to bring the perpetrators of Mr. Jadban's assassination to justice; *urges* the parliamentary authorities to provide information on this situation as soon as possible;



3. *Remains deeply concerned* that Mr. Jadban's assassination remains unpunished and *urges* the Yemeni authorities to do their utmost to shed light on this crime and to hold the culprits to account; *urges* the Parliament of Yemen to continue to exercise its oversight function until justice has been brought to bear in this case;
4. *Recalls* that impunity poses a serious threat not only to parliamentarians but also to all those they represent and that it is therefore the responsibility of the Yemeni authorities to fulfil their international obligations by conducting diligent and thorough investigations in order to shed full light on this crime;
5. *Requests* the Secretary General to convey this decision to the parliamentary authorities, the complainant and any third party likely to be in a position to supply relevant information;
6. *Decides* to continue examining this case.