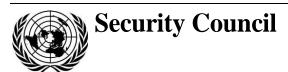
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With reference to the statement made by the distinguished representative of Yemen during the emergency meeting of the Security Council on the situation in Yemen, held on 22 March 2015, certain unfounded allegations were made against my country. While categorically rejecting these allegations, I wish to state the following:

- The Islamic Republic of Iran respects the independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity of Yemen and underscores the need to continue national broad-based dialogues among all Yemeni people and to fight against terrorism in the country.
- Yemen belongs to all Yemeni people and a Yemenite-led dialogue and conciliation process among all Yemeni political and social groups is the most practical way to resolve the complicated crisis in that country. Foreign interfering powers and terrorist groups should not be allowed to have any say in the future of Yemen.
- The Islamic Republic of Iran supports a Yemen that moves on the path of national unity, security and socioeconomic development and helps to enhance regional stability, a Yemen that enjoys constructive interaction with its neighbours and with the States of the region and stays strong and united in its fight against terrorism and extremism.

I should be grateful if this letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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