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## Statement by Special Envoy for Yemen on the Ansar Allah announcement

**New York, 21 September 2019** - The Special Envoy for Yemen, Martin Griffiths, welcomes the initiative announced by Ansar Allah on 20 September, on the cessation of hostile military acts against the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He also welcomes the expression of further openness towards the implementation of the Prisoner Exchange Agreement and the desire for a political solution to end the conflict.

The Special Envoy stresses the importance of taking advantage of this opportunity and moving forward with all necessary steps to reduce violence, military escalation and unhelpful rhetoric.

If this initiative by Ansar Allah is implemented in good faith, it can send a powerful message of the will to end the war.

The Special Envoy reiterates his call on all parties to respect international humanitarian law and to spare Yemen from being drawn further into regional tensions, for the benefit of the Yemeni people.