List of Issues addressed to the United Arab Emirates by the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen established pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution A/HRC/RES/45/15

I. Introduction

In addition to the previous list of issues sent on 10 June 2021 to which the Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen (GEE) would appreciate receiving a response, please find enclosed a request for further information addressed to the United Arab Emirates. Responses will be included in the GEE’s report to the Human Rights Council, with the exception of any information that the United Arab Emirates requests to remain confidential.

The GEE would be grateful to receive replies no later than 26 August 2021. The GEE reiterates its call to receive any other submissions that the United Arab Emirates may wish to present.

II. List of issues to be addressed by the United Arab Emirates

A. Implementation of GEE Recommendations

1. The GEE report of 28 September 2020 contains findings of fact and recommendations to the parties to the conflict in Yemen. Please describe the steps taken by the United Arab Emirates to investigate cases described in the GEE report, to hold perpetrators to account, to prevent recurrence, and to implement the GEE’s recommendations.

B. Military support

2. The GEE would appreciate receiving information related to operational support and the nature of weapons and equipment provided to the armed groups in the West Coast and the Southern governorates by the United Arab Emirates.

C. Detention

3. The GEE would appreciate receiving clarification as to the involvement of the United Arab Emirates forces in detention facilities that operate under the authority of the Government of Yemen, including clarification on delegated authority from the Government of Yemen.
4. The GEE would appreciate receiving clarification as to the support provided by the United Arab Emirates to military groups, such as the Hadramawi and Shabwani Elite forces, including in operations concerning the arrest and detention of civilians.