Human Rights Council should ensure international investigative mechanism for Yemen

From Shabwa to Sana'a, from Marib to Aden, the people of Yemen continue to endure brutal, relentless attacks against their rights and dignity. Civilians continue to be murdered, kidnapped, tortured and arbitrarily detained by parties to the conflict. Millions remain unable to regularly access water, medicine and other basic necessities. Moreover, discrimination based on ethnicity and gender continues to worsen.

In Shabwa, after a campaign of incitement by local authorities, the homes of Sub-Saharan migrants have been stormed and looted, and women and children have been forcefully prevented from fleeing, and placed in backyards that lacked basic necessities. Women living under Houthi rule have been denied access to vital healthcare, barred from working in certain regions and subjected to gender segregation, including at Sana’a University.

This Council’s continued silence on Yemen deeply undermines its legitimacy and effectiveness. We reiterate the calls of Yemeni and global civil society for this Council to fulfill its duty to ensure the establishment of an international investigative mechanism on Yemen and pursue justice for victims.