

Dear Friend Comrade George PaPandreu  
Chairman of the SI and Prime Minister of Greece

Dear Friend Comrade Luis Ayala  
Secretary General of SI

Dear friends,

I salute you and I convey to you the greetings of the Secretary General of the Yemeni Socialist Party Dr. Yassin Saeed Noman, who prepared himself to participate in this meeting and informed comrade Ayala by this. However, due to urgent commitments related to the situation in Yemen and because he is receiving medication abroad, it is not possible for him to attend this meeting. Please allow me to thank the solidarity of the SI president with the peaceful youth revolution in our country and with our party and the opposition parties in Yemen (Joint Meeting Parties "JMP"). Comrade Ayala was in continuous contacts with the Secretary General of our party and made preparations to visit Yemen and review the situation. We record our thanks to the leadership of the PES and the Secretariat of the SIW and to all our friends in different parties; especially our friends in the French Socialist Party.

Dear friends: since five months, the youth men and women in Yemen are pursuing a dauntless peaceful revolution to topple the dictatorial, family autocracy in a peaceful manner and to build the state of order, law, freedom, democracy, equality and justice. Still hundreds of thousands of them are defiant in sit in squares for all these months. Although Yemenis have more than 50 million pieces of arms, but all tribes, social classes and civil society organizations engaged in this revolution and abandoned their guns for the first time. They decided to confront the terrorist and oppression of the state with bare chests resulting in more than 394 martyrs, 863 injured people by live bullets and 8482 people suffering from the symptoms of suffocating and corrosive gases in addition to hundreds of kidnapped people. The most prominent massacre was committed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 where snipers pointed their guns to the Change Square in the Capital Sana'a killing 55 young men and injuring more than 1000 people. Another massacre was committed in Taiz on 29-5-2011 where the Freedom Square was shelled and its tents burned resulting in the death of 12 disabled people whose charred bodies were drifted by the army trucks to unknown places. The total number of victims of that massacre was 50 dead people and thousands of injured people. In addition, massacres were committed in Aden, Ibb,

Hodeidah and Albaidha. Yemeni women are in the frontline of sit-ins and demonstrations as doctors, nurses, cooks of the food for young men and women in the sit-in squares which became platforms for intellectual and literary debates as well as political and cultural forums where innovative people from different parts of the country take part.

Dear friends:

This peaceful revolution unified the people of Yemen in a 100% peaceful framework. Since the eruption of this revolution, revenge crimes between tribes ceased. Social peace prevailed and guns stopped firing killer bullets in all parts of Yemen between rival tribes except for the cannons and guns of the bloody regime. Our peaceful struggle started in 2006 at the time of presidential elections through the opposition candidate, the leader Faisal Bin Shamlan. Then, a peaceful movement started in the southern part of the country in 2007 but was confronted by killing, oppression and all forms of state terror. This defiant movement provided hundreds of martyrs and thousands of injured people and detainees. This movement is a result of a widespread rejection from the southern people to the military ruling imposed on them since 1994 war, which destroyed the infrastructure of the state, laid off thousands of employees and resulted in the looting of the resources of the south. The youth peaceful revolution represented the third stage of this peaceful struggle and represented a historical turning point in the life of our people. It depicted the forms of the new Yemeni state with all its broad horizons. Discussion, seminars and dialogues are ongoing in all change squares to raise ideas concerning the goals of the future state to produce solutions for all problems encountering Yemen, on top of which is the southern case. All are working to resolve this case under a federal state composition. The manifestations of six bloody wars in the north of the country need also to be resolved in addition to the economic, social and human rights issues. This revolution instilled hope among Yemeni people for a brighter future and dignified life as imagined by millions of daily protesters in all parts of the country.

In this respect, we salute the revolutions of our brothers in Tunisia and Egypt as they represented an inspiring element for our peaceful struggle and marked the eruption of the giant peaceful youth revolution.

Dear friends: our Yemeni Socialist Party, with its partners in the JMP parties, is struggling to take Yemen out of its severe crisis which came as a result of the corrupt regime. Dialogues

started with this regime since March 1997 until October 2010 but, unfortunately, all agreements were made a failure by the regime until the time of the peaceful revolution in which all our young men and women participated since its early starts early February 2011. The Secretary General of our party, Dr. Yassin Saeed Noman, is capably chairing periodically the JMP parties. We have interacted with various efforts to put an end to this crisis from internal players or from our friends in the EU and USA as well as the initiative of the Gulf Countries under American and European auspices. This initiative came at the request of the President of the current regime. However, the regime kept manipulating and avoiding accepting this initiative since its launch on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 until the latest day for its signing on 22<sup>nd</sup> of Ma 2011. The President refused to sign the initiative after all opposition parties signed it. The initiative contains key points including the resignation of the President Saleh and the authorization to the Vice-President, who is also the Secretary General or the Ruling Party, to be a president for a transitional period. Today, the country is living in miserable situations and the regime added to this misery the so called "terrorism and Alqaida". Abyan governorate in the south of the country was handed over to these terrorist groups two months ago as presidential orders were issued to the army and security to hand over the province to these armed terrorist groups supported by the regime. On June 22, 2011 the escape of 62 most dangerous terrorists was facilitated by the regime. They escaped from a fortified prison in Hadramout governorate to the east of the country. Earlier, 28 top leaders of Alqaida were allowed in 2006 to escape from the central prison of the Political Security Organization in the Capital Sana'. Here, we confirm that Alqaida scarecrow was used by the regime to extort other countries and seeking financial and military aid. However, you shall trust that following the oust of this regime, our friends and brothers on other countries will find a new Yemen free from Alqaida, terrorism, extremism, violence and discrimination. There will be a new Yemen governed by a civic state, the constitution, the rule of law and civil society organizations to preserve the interests of all Yemeni people.

Dear friends: the remains of this regime, in the last two months, are imposing collective sanctions on the people of Yemen through continuous cut offs of power, water and cooking gas resulting in deaths among patients in cardiology, cancer and kidney failure wards in addition to pregnant women and infants. All this is for the purpose of taking revenge from the Yemeni people who engaged all in the peaceful revolution.

In conclusion, please trust that the Yemeni Socialist Party will remain adopting the noble goals of SI in its peaceful political struggle in Yemen with its partners from different political forces, civil society organizations and independent actors. We seek from this meeting to announce its solidarity with the struggle of the youth revolution in Yemen and to salute Yemeni women who are active and in the frontline of this revolution. We seek condemnation of all terrorist and oppressive practices against peaceful activists and demanding to prosecute murderers and perpetrators of massacres before national and international courts. We seek the support for our party and the JMP parties in their struggle with the peaceful resolution towards a new Yemen of peace, freedom, democracy and social justice.

We renew our demand, raised few years ago, to recommend the forthcoming SI conference to grant our party full membership.

Thanking your attention.