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UPR: Yemen

Sudwind would like to welcome the fact that Yemen has not rejected any recommendation during the second cycle of the UPR and that 166 recommendations have enjoyed the support of Yemen, however we regret that there were no response published on the recommendations which were to be examined and we regret that you postponed examination of these recommendations in your presentation.

Yemen's budget on military and security is 3500 times higher than that of human rights Women illiteracy rate is 70.2% and inequality and discrimination against women is every day practice.

We are very much concerned about sectarian conflicts. There were at least 120 casualties in June during the conflicts between the Houthi Shi'a rebellion and troops and members of the Sunni Islamic Islah party.

We urge the government of Yemen:

- To continue the national reconciliation
- To establish a moratorium on the death penalty,
- To ratify the Rome Statute of the ICC,
- To Ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
- To change the budget lines toward increasing education and health resources.