

Yemen: Statement by the Spokesperson on the prisoners' exchange



The Government of Yemen and the movement Ansar Allah agreed on Sunday 27 September to immediately release 1081 conflict-related prisoners and detainees. The agreement, facilitated by the UN Special Envoy and the ICRC, was reached at the fourth meeting of the Supervisory Committee on the Implementation of the Prisoners' Exchange Agreement.

This exchange of prisoners' between the parties of the conflict represents a key step in the implementation of the Stockholm Agreement and in building trust among the sides. A concrete implementation plan will now have to be worked out swiftly to implement the deal and to allow the detainees to return to their families.

The EU encourages the parties to continue engaging constructively with the UN Special Envoy towards a nationwide ceasefire and a resumption of political talks. The EU reiterates its full support to the UN-led process.