

The Muscat Principles, April 2015

- (1) The withdrawal of the Houthis and forces loyal to deposed president Ali Abdullah Saleh from all Yemeni cities and the return of military hardware and munitions seized from the army;
- (2) The restoration of the president Abd Rabbo Mansour Hadi and the government of Khalid Bahah;
- (3) Early parliamentary and presidential elections;
- (4) An agreement signed by all Yemeni parties;
- (5) The conversion of the Houthis into a political party;
- (6) An international aid conference attended by donor states;
- (7) Yemen entering the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Source: 'Oman offers seven-point peace plan for Yemen', *Al-Araby*, 24 April 2015,
<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/english/news/2015/4/24/oman-offers-seven-point-peace-plan-for-yemen> [accessed 6 July 2016]

Ansar Allah's Letter to UN General-Secretary Ban Ki-Moon, October 3, 2015

The seven-point document (Muscat Principles) formed a basic entrance towards reaching a settlement for the ongoing conflict, and with no doubt it was a great major step for restarting the political life in Yemen.

Based on the above, we urge the secretary-general of the Security Council to spend all of his efforts to support it, confirming our commitment as well as the commitment of the other parties with all of the seven points. This includes adhering to the Security Council Resolutions, especially Resolution Number 2216 according to its execution mechanism.

The Security Council supports the political solution in Yemen and to return to the negotiation table without preconditions. We also support this. However, there was no positive reaction from the other party towards the efforts of the special envoy of the UN and the Security Council invitation to go back to the negotiation table.

Source: Hayat Norimine. 'Here's the Houthis letter to the UN agreeing to pull out of Yemen's Sanaa', *Al-Bawaba*, 20 October 2015, <http://www.albawaba.com/loop/her%E2%80%99s-houthis%E2%80%99-letter-un-agreeing-pull-out-sanaa-yemen-757278> [accessed 6 July 2016]