

**Statement by Adama Dieng, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, and Jennifer Welsh, Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect, on the situation in Yemen**

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They reminded Member States of the commitment made by all Heads of State and Government at the 2005 World Summit to help protect populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity, and to cooperate in fulfilling their collective responsibility to protect populations.

Special Advisers Dieng and Welsh stressed that the protection of populations affected by the escalating violence in Yemen must be a priority for the international community, with special attention given to the situation of the most vulnerable groups, such as women, children, internally displaced persons and minorities, including smaller religious groups such as Ismailis.

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