IYCY and CAN-AW Statement on FSO SAFER

The SAFER Floating Storage and Offloading (FSO) export terminal is a converted single hulled oil tanker located at the Coast of Yemen. FSO SAFER terminal is a forty-year-old single hulled supertanker moored 7km off the coast of Yemen. Since 2015, it has not been inspected or maintained. It is thought to contain at least 1.14m barrels of oil and corrosion and a leak of FSO SAFER with lack of maintenance could lead to one of the biggest environmental disasters in the region and the world. Based on Holm Akhdar website an environmental impact will be caused of an oil spill based as follows:

- 850,000 tons of fish stocks that exist in Yemen’s waters in the Red Sea, Bab El Mandab and the Gulf of Aden would be destroyed.
- 969 species of fish (coastal and deep-sea fish) in Yemeni waters would be killed by crude oil slicks.
- 115 of the Yemen’s islands in the Red Sea would lose their biodiversity and their natural habitats.
- 126,000 Yemeni fishermen would lose their only source of income.
- 67,800 Yemeni fishermen in Hodeida would lose their only source of income because of the disaster.
- 300 species of coral reefs would disappear from Yemeni waters as crude oil would prevent oxygen and sunlight from reaching them.
- 768 species of in Yemen’s territorial waters would suffer decay and destruction.
- 139 species of plankton living in Yemeni waters would be suffocated by crude oil slicks.

Therefore, International Youth Council – Yemen (IYCY) with Climate Action Network Arab World (CAN-AW) Call all Yemeni parties, UN Security Council (UNSC) and International community to take the following action:

- We Stress all Parties that the risk of FSO SAFER off the coast of Yemen could rupture due to neglect. In the worst-case scenario, 1.14 million barrels of oil would leak into the Red Sea (four times the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez leak) We urgently need all Yemeni parties to take action to avoid causing the livelihoods of nearly 4 million people and severely disrupting Red Sea shipping lanes.
- We urgently demand the Yemeni Parties to assess the conditions of the ship and take the necessary measures to secure it and prevent the oil from leaking out.
- We call on the international community to take swift and urgent action to prevent this grave environmental catastrophe from occurring.
- We call on the Yemeni governments to take action to solve this environmental disaster before it occurs because of its disastrous impact on the environmental, economic and humanitarian level.
- We urge UN Security Council (UNSC) to take the necessary action to prevent an environmental disaster on the Yemeni coast