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Talking Points to Accompany Critical Infrastructure List

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- Increased Coalition airstrikes and artillery fire in recent weeks have inadvertently caused civilian casualties and damaged civilian infrastructure. We urge you to exercise the utmost diligence in the targeting process and to take all precautions to minimize civilian casualties and damage to civilian infrastructure, which, on top of the cost in human lives and suffering, will set back your efforts to reach a political solution to the conflict and do significant harm to Yemen's ability to recover expeditiously from the present conflict.
- Damage to civilian infrastructure makes it even more difficult to address the humanitarian situation and complicates ongoing work by humanitarian workers to stave off famine. It will also increase costs to donors after the conflict and challenge the Yemeni government as it seeks to rebuild the peace.
- As further assistance to you in minimizing damage to civilian infrastructure, this document provides a list of critical infrastructure that is required to successfully re-start critical commercial access and deliver humanitarian assistance in the country.
- We note that this list is not exhaustive, and we advise you to update it regularly as the situation evolves.
- Please note that this document is distinct from, and complementary to, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) No Strike List. The OCHA list captures humanitarian facilities and distribution points, as well as health facilities and schools, whereas this list focuses on public and commercial infrastructure that is linked to humanitarian operations.

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