

**Nations unies - Yémen - RDC -  
Remarques à la presse du  
représentant permanent de la  
France auprès des Nations unies  
(New York, 29 mars 2017)**

(En anglais et en français)

One word on Yemen to tell you how concerned we are by the blocking of the situation with respect to both the very worrying deterioration of the humanitarian situation, but also the total stalemate of the political talks in a context where there is only a political solution to the conflict, and no military solution whatsoever.

In this very difficult situation we more than ever support the Special Envoy's efforts in a context where everyone must play their part to encourage the parties to resume the negotiations. So we will see how the consultations go but again the situation is very alarming.

Q - Do you still back Cheikh Ahmed ideas about a roadmap and pushing both parts to go back to the negotiation ?

R - Yes, we fully support Cheikh Ahmed efforts.

Q - Concerning the Hodeida issue, do you think the UN should take over the control ?

R - Again we will see how the consultations go. These are important consultations.

Q - Can you say a word on Monusco, the negotiations on the renewal of the mandate and the death of the two UN experts ?

R - About the tragic death of the experts in the circumstances we know, we are of course deeply saddened. They were killed while doing their job for the group of experts monitoring the sanctions in the DRC. Both were very well known for their expertise and professionalism. Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault earlier today expressed the condolences of France to their families and also called for a thorough investigation on this tragedy and for accountability for those who perpetrated this terrible crime.

With respect to Monusco per se, we are in the final stage of the negotiations. We are doing the last adjustments to the mandate. We have come as we speak to an agreement on troops ceiling

that is acceptable to all and put Monusco in a good situation to face the challenges it has to face both in respect with protection of civilians and the preparation for the elections, which are the two pillars. Again we are in the final stage of the negotiations and I hope we can make it before the end of the week.

Sur la mort des deux experts, le ministre français des affaires étrangères Jean-Marc Ayrault s'est exprimé pour condamner dans les termes les plus forts cet assassinat odieux, exprimer les condoléances profondément attristées de la France aux familles des victimes et appeler à ce que toute la lumière soit faite sur les circonstances de ce drame, afin que les responsables de ce crime soient identifiés et traduits devant la justice le plus rapidement possible.

Tout cela dans un contexte où nous sommes dans la phase finale de la négociation pour le renouvellement et l'ajustement du mandat de la Monusco. Ces négociations devraient se conclure maintenant rapidement. Nous nous sommes mis d'accord non seulement sur l'économie générale mais sur la quasi-totalité des détails du texte d'une manière qui, je l'espère, permettra à la Monusco de poursuivre dans les meilleures conditions possibles ses deux objectifs prioritaires que sont d'une part la protection des civils, dans le contexte extrêmement difficile que l'on vient à nouveau de voir, et d'autre part la préparation des élections conformément à l'accord du 31 décembre. J'espère que nous pourrions conclure et aller à un vote d'ici la fin de la semaine./.