

H.E. Mr Yahya Ali Al-Rai Chairman of the Council of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen

The Hague, 17 February 2009

Excellency,

Yesterday I received, by means of a letter delivered by your Ambassador Dr. Nageeb Ahmet Obeid to the Secretary General of the House of Representatives of the States General, your very kind letter holding an invitation to visit Yemen in February or July 2009.

While I greatly appreciate your thoughtful gesture, I am afraid that my agenda does not have any possibilities for foreign visits - other than those already planned - until after the next general elections in 2011. I make only a very limited number of visits abroad per year, and these are planned between 18 months and two years in advance. I would be delighted to reconsider your kind invitation at a later date.

In the meantime, I thank you again for your friendly letter and remain,

Yours sincerely

Gerdi A. Verbeet

President of the House of Representatives of the States General

The Netherlands



His Excellency Dr. Nageeb Ahmet Obeid Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Yemen Nassaulaan 2a 2514 JS The Hague

The Hague, 17 February 2009

Dear Mr Ambassador,

On behalf of Ms Gerdi Verbeet, President of the House of Representatives of the States General, I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the invitation from Mr Yahya Ali Al-Rai, Chairman of the Council of Representatives of the Republic of Yemen.

Please find enclosed her reply to Mr Yahya Ali Al-Rai, with the request that you forward this to him at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline E. Biesheuvel-Vermeijden

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Unofficial Translation

Ms. Gerdi Verbeet

Chairman of the Dutch House of Representatives.

Subject: Invitation to visit Yemen.

Referring to the above subject and to promote and consolidate cooperation relations between the Council of Representatives in the Republic of Yemen and the House of Representatives in the Kingdom of The Netherlands, I have the honour to invite you to visit our country during February or July 2009.

We hope this visit will be crowned with success and achieve the desired objectives.

Please accept my sincere greetings.

Yahya Ali Al-Rai

Chairman of the Council of Representatives

بنيب ألله البحزالجينير



المُرَهُورِيِّ بِهِ الْمِنْسِينِ مجت اس النوابِ المنيو

السرقم: التساريخ: الموافق: (٢ / ١٠٠٧)

السيدة/ خيردي فيربييت

المحترم

رنيس مجلس النواب الهولندي

تحية طيبة وبعد..

الموضوع/دعوتكم لزيارة اليمن

بالإشارة إلى الموضوع أعلاه .. ومن أجل تعزيز وتوطيد علاقات التعاون بين مجلس النواب ، في الجمهورية اليمنية ، ومجلس النواب في المملكة الهولندية.. أتشرف بدعوتكم لزيارة بلادنا خلال شهر فبراير أو يوليوو٠٠٢م.

آملين أن تكلل هذه الزيارة بالنجاح وتحقيق الأهداف المرجوة منها.

وتقبلوا خالص تحياتنا ...

يحيى علي الراعي

رئيس مجلس النواب