

## Yemen: Constitutional Declaration by the Houthis, February 2015

# Constitutional Declaration issued in Yemen by the Houthi movement on 6 February 2015.

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### *Full text*

**Article No. (1):** Provisions of the applicable Constitution will remain valid unless they contradict with the provision of this Declaration.

**Article No. (2):** This Declaration organizes governance rules during the transitional period.

**Article No. (3):** Public rights and freedoms are guaranteed and the state is committed to protect them.

**Article No. (4):** The state foreign policy is based on commitment to good neighboring and non-interference in internal affairs of the state, in addition to approving peaceful and sound means to solve disputes, and cooperation to realize joint interests in a way preserving the state sovereignty, independence, security and the supreme interests.

**Article No. (5):** The Revolutionary Committee is the representative of the Revolution and from which the revolutionary committees branch in the governorates and districts across the country.

### **The Transitional National Council**

**Article No. (6):** Based on a resolution by the Revolutionary Committee, a Transitional National Council shall be formed consisting of 551 members to replace the dissolved parliament, and to include components not represented in it. Members of the dissolved parliaments are entitled to join the Council.

**Article No. (7):** The internal bylaw of the Transitional National Council shall define its work system and rights and duties of the members.

**Article No. (8):** Presidency of the Republic during the transitional period will be assigned to a Presidential Council of 5 members to be selected by the Transitional National Council and to be approved by the Revolutionary Committee.

**Article No. (9):** The internal bylaw of the Presidential Council shall define its work system and rights and duties of the members.

### **The Transitional Government**

**Article No. (10):** The Presidential Council assigns any of the Transitional National Council members or from outside it to form a transitional government of national competencies.

### **General Provisions**

**Article No. (11):** The Revolutionary Committee is tasked with taking all the necessary procedures and measures to protect the state sovereignty, insure its security and stability and protect people rights and freedoms.

**Article No. (12):** Specializations of the Transitional National Council, Presidential Council and the government are to be specified by a complementary resolution to be issued by the Revolutionary Committee.

**Article No. (13):** Authorities of the transitional state shall commit during a period of two years to work to achieve requirements of the transitional period according to outcomes of the Comprehensive National Dialogue Conference and the Peace and National Partnership Agreement, including the revision of the new constitution draft, issuing laws required by the foundation phase and holding a referendum on the constitution in order to move forward to the permanent situation as well as carrying out the parliamentary and presidential elections according to its provisions.

**Article No. (14):** The normal legislations shall continue to be valid unless they explicitly or implicitly contradict with texts of this Declaration.

**Article No. (15):** This Declaration is effective from the date of its issuance.

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*Source: Yemeni government news agency, [SABA](#). There was no Article 13 in the original Arabic document and the articles have been renumbered in the translation above.*

*The Arabic text, together with an alternative unofficial translation, can be found [here](#).*