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**Statement by the Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Yemen,
Martin Griffiths, on the escalations in Aden**

Amman, 07 August 2019 – I am alarmed by the military escalations in Aden, including reports of clashes in the vicinity of the Presidential Palace in Aden during the last few hours.

I am deeply worried that these events and any further escalations of violence will contribute to further instability and suffering in Aden, and will deepen Yemen's political and social divisions.

I call for self-restraint and urge all those with influence to de-escalate the situation, ensure that civilians remain protected and discourage further acts of violence.