

Dear Mr Matthew Russell Lee
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Subject: Article titled:- “Yemen Banned from UN Vote as Saleh Crony Empties Mission’s Bofa Account”.

The Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations strongly denies allegations that Yemen has intentionally abstained from voting on the UN General Assembly resolution A/66/L.57 on the situation in Syria. Yemen co-sponsored the resolution and is committed to the Arab consensus on the situation in Syria. The government of the Republic of Yemen supports and respects the aspiration of the Syrian people for a peaceful and orderly transition. The Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Yemen has also issued a statement on the subject.

In regards to your article, please note that the Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations was restricted from voting due to a technical delay to pay outstanding fees. The Permanent Mission of Yemen to the United Nations was informed by its previous bank that it's forced to shut down the accounts of many Embassies and Missions including ours due to additional regulations imposed by the U.S government that caused the banks to incur losses. The following article talks about the situation in details.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304818404577350171935104982.html>

The Mission requested the assistance of the UN and the United States government to resolve the issue. In the meantime, the check issued to the UN from the Mission's new bank account didn't clear because funds were not credited to the new account from the previous Bank in a timely fashion. Therefore, Yemen was not able to meet the deadline of the financial obligations to the UN. The issue is being resolved and the Government of Yemen will pay its financial obligations to the UN in the near future. In the end, please note that the Permanent Representative and Permanent Mission only follows the directives of H.E President of the republic of Yemen Abdrabo Mansour Hadi and H.E. the Foreign Minister Dr. Abubaker Alqirbi.