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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 9976th meeting of the Security Council, held on 10 August 2025, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses deep concern at the recent escalation of violence in the Suwaida governorate of Syria since July 12, and calls on all parties to adhere to the ceasefire arrangement and to ensure the protection of the civilian population. The Security Council strongly condemns the violence perpetrated against civilians in Suwaida which has included mass killings, the loss of life, and led to the internal displacement of some 192,000 people.

"The Security Council reiterates the obligation to respect relevant human rights and international humanitarian law provisions, and further reiterates the specific obligations under international humanitarian law to respect and protect all medical personnel and humanitarian personnel exclusively engaged in medical duties, their means of transportation and equipment, as well as hospitals and medical facilities.

"The Security Council further urges all parties to ensure full, safe, rapid and unhindered humanitarian access for the United Nations, their implementing partners, and other humanitarian organizations to all affected communities in Suwaida and throughout Syria, in line with the humanitarian principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality, and independence, and to ensure the humane treatment of all persons, including any person who has surrendered or is wounded, detained, or otherwise laid down their arms.

"The Security Council also reiterates its call on the interim authorities to protect all Syrians, regardless of ethnicity or religion and stresses that there can be no meaningful recovery in Syria without genuine safety and protection for all Syrians.

"The Security Council welcomes the statement by the Syrian interim authorities condemning the violence and taking action to investigate and hold to account those responsible. The Security Council calls upon the Syrian interim authorities to ensure credible, swift, transparent, impartial, and comprehensive investigations, in line with international standards. The Syrian interim authorities must ensure accountability and bring all perpetrators of violence to justice regardless of their affiliation. The Security Council further takes note of the decision by the defence affairs department of the Syrian interim authorities to establish a committee to verify the affiliation and background of individuals



involved in the violence, and underlines the importance and urgency of inclusive and transparent justice and reconciliation processes for sustainable peace in Syria.

“The Security Council recalls resolution [2254 \(2015\)](#), its Presidential Statement ([S/PRST/2025/4](#)), and its Press Statement of 17 December 2024, and reaffirms its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, unity, and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic and calls on all states to respect these principles. The Security Council condemns all forms of negative or destructive interference in Syria’s political, security and economic transition, noting that such interventions undermine efforts to restore stability in the country, and calls on all states to refrain from any action or interference that may further destabilize the country.

“The Security Council also calls for the respect of the 1974 Disengagement Agreement, including the principles regarding the Area of Separation, as well as the mandate and role of UNDOF, and stresses the obligation on all parties to fully abide by its terms and to maintain calm and reduce tensions.

“The Security Council takes note of the thirty-sixth report of the Analytical Support and Sanction Monitoring Team of the Security Council ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida Committee, and underscores the importance of countering all forms of terrorism in Syria and expresses grave concern over the acute threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, noting that the threat may affect all regions and Member States. The Security Council takes note of the Syrian authorities’ commitments and actions to counter ISIL (Da’esh) and Al-Qaida, and urges Syria to take decisive measures to address the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters, and underscores Syria’s obligations under relevant Security Council resolutions related to countering terrorism, in particular resolutions [1267 \(1999\)](#), [1989 \(2011\)](#), [2178 \(2014\)](#), [2253 \(2015\)](#), and [2396 \(2017\)](#) and related to the situation in Syria.

“The Security Council calls for the implementation of an inclusive, Syrian-led and Syrian-owned political process based on the key principles listed in resolution [2254 \(2015\)](#). This includes safeguarding the rights of all Syrians, regardless of ethnicity and religion. This political process should meet the legitimate aspirations of all Syrians, protect all of them and enable them to peacefully, independently and democratically determine their futures.

“The Security Council reaffirms the importance of the UN’s role in supporting Syria’s political transition in line with the principles of resolution [2254 \(2015\)](#) and reiterates its support for the efforts of the office of the United Nations Special Envoy in this regard.
