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Draft Resolution

Committee: Security Council
Subject: Question of Syria
Sponsors: France, United Kingdom, United States, Portugal
Signatories:

The Security Council,

Deeply concerned about the spread of violence in Syria,

Condemning the exercise of indiscriminate violence against civilians by all sides involved,

Expressing its condolences over the thousands of people that have been killed, the tens of thousands that have been injured and the thousands more that have been imprisoned since March 2011, as stated in A/HRC/S-17/2/Add.1 (2012),

Fully acknowledging and respecting the sovereignty, unity, independence and territorial integrity of Syria, according to Article 2 of the United Nations Charter,


Condemning all kind of violations of human rights by all parties, and reaffirming its support for the Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/19/L.1/REV. 1 of 1 March 2012,

Reaffirming its support for the Presidential Statement SC/10583, appointing Joint Special Envoy for the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, and the six-point proposal for cessation of fire in Syria and the restoration of peace and stability,

Bearing in mind that the Syrian Government committed itself on 25 March 2012 to the implementation of the six-point proposal of the Joint Special Envoy for the United Nations and the League of Arab States, as it was officially communicated to the Envoy on 1 April, to the cessation of armed violence in all its forms, to immediately cease troop movements towards population centres, to begin pullback of military concentration in and around population centres before 10 April 2012,
Noting with regret the inefficiency of the Syrian regime to fully implement its commitments to the six-point proposal within the 10 April deadline;

Recognising the valuable humanitarian aid that has been provided to the Syrian population,

Expressing its appreciation to all Nations, especially those coterminous with Syria, which have accepted to provide assistance to the refugees that have crossed the Syrian borders, with respect to 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees, the 1967 Protocol, A/RES/55/76 (2000), A/HRC/19/80 (2012) and the United Nations Human Rights Council Resolution S-18/1 (2011),

Expressing its gratitude also to the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) for its contribution to the surveillance of the situation in Syria, by monitoring the cessation of armed violence, providing valid information to the United Nations and supporting the full implementation of the Envoy’s six-point proposal, as fortified in S/RES/2043 (2012),

Acting under Chapter VII of the UN Charter, the Security Council,

1. Supports the full completion of the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) that was created by the UNSC through S/RES/2043 (2012), by:

   (a) Calling upon the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) to coordinate the rapid deployment of UNSMIS observer to Syria,

   (b) Urgently requesting the Arab League to work in conjunction with and contribute to the observer mission by also providing observers that will act under the conditions laid down in S/RES/2043 and this resolution,

   (c) Deciding that the work of the UNSMIS observers will be coordinated through the DPKO and thereby will utilize already existing and neutral facilities,

   (d) Underlining that this mission is on a voluntary basis and has no mandate to use force;

2. Decides to extend the objective of the observer team mandate in order to include the supervision and monitoring of the elections by ensuring:

   (a) The free and secure access of the Syrian people to exert their right to vote according to national legislation;

   (b) That no manipulation occurs during the counting procedures, and that all the process is based on transparency and accountability;

3. Urges the Syrian Government and all opposition groups to proceed immediately with the cessation of all forms of violence and enhance security in
the region, within the 90-day period as established in S/RES/2043, which will be confirmed by the 300 unarmed observers of the UNSMIS;

4. **Strongly supports** the Joint Envoy for the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, in order to ensure that all parties commit themselves to abide by the principles of the six-point proposal and by Resolutions S/RES/2042 and S/RES/2043;

5. **Ensures** that the dialogue between the Syrian Government and the parties of the opposition under Article 33 of the UN Charter is held under the auspices of the Arab League and the United Nations and under coordination of the Joint Envoy Kofi Annan, with a view to implementing SC/RES/2043;

6. **Reaffirms** the commitment of destination states of Syrian refugees, under UNDHR Art. 14, to secure the protection of the refugees' human rights;

7. **Urges** the Syrian government to engage in full-scale inclusive dialogue in order to achieve the gradual repatriation and return of refugees;

8. **Requests** the deployment of humanitarian personnel from neighbouring countries in order to enhance the quality of human rights protection, facilitate the actions of already existing humanitarian agencies and provide assistance in terms of migration policies;

11. **Calls for** the enhancement of humanitarian aid provided to the Syrian people, and calls upon the Syrian Government for its full commitment to ensure the safety and security of all humanitarian personnel;

12. **Declares** that in case of non-implementation of the cease-fire commitment within 90 days (clauses 1 and 2) by both sides, which will be reported by the 300 authorized observers, the Security Council will reconvene in order to re-evaluate the situation, and discuss upon the effectiveness of further measures under Art. 41, Chapter VII of the UN Charter;

13. **Decides** to remain seized of the matter.