

The Security Council,

Expressing grave concern at the situation in Syria,

Recalling its presidential statement of 3 August 2011,

Welcoming the plan of action developed by the League of Arab States on November 2011,

Strongly condemning continuing violence coming from all parties, including disproportionate use of force by Syrian authorities, and *expressing* grave concern over the potential for a further deterioration of the situation,

Expressing profound regret at the death of thousands of people,

Calling for an immediate end to all violence and provocations and *condemning* the activity of extremist groups, including attacks against state institutions, law-enforcement personnel and *urging* all sides to act with utmost restraint,

Stressing that the only solution to the current crisis in Syria is through an inclusive and Syrian-led political process with the aim of effectively addressing the legitimate aspirations and concerns of the population which will allow the full enjoyment of fundamental human rights and freedoms for all without distinction, including that of the rights of freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, and *further stressing* that such a political process can only be advanced through an environment free from violence,

Recalling the Syrian authorities responsibility to comply with their obligations under applicable international law and to bring to account all those responsible for violence, and *urging* in this regard the government of the Syrian Arab Republic to initiate prompt, independent and impartial investigations into all cases of human rights violations.

Noting the measures taken by the Syrian authorities towards reform, including recent local elections, *regretting* insufficient progress in their implementation and *calling upon* the Syrian government to expedite progress in promoting political pluralism through adoption of new electoral law and constitutional reform, guaranteeing freedom of media, ensuring respect for human rights,

Calling further upon the Syrian authorities to alleviate the humanitarian situation in crisis areas, to allow expeditious and unhindered access to international humanitarian assistance and for international media and cooperate fully with the Office of the High Commissioner for human rights,

Underscoring the importance of ensuring the voluntary return to their homes in safety and security of those who have fled from violence,

Calling upon the Syrian authorities to release all those detained for expressing their rights to freedom of expressions, peaceful assembly and association,

Expressing great concern at the illegal supply of weapons to the armed groups in Syria and *calling on* neighboring and other states to take necessary steps to prevent such supplies,

Mindful of the role which Syria plays in the maintenance of peace and stability in the region,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Syria as well as to the basic principle of international law which provides that state shall not intervene in matters within the domestic jurisdiction of any state in accordance with the charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming further the need to resolve the current crisis in Syria peacefully, ruling out any military intervention from outside,

Welcoming the engagement of the Secretary-General and all diplomatic efforts aimed at addressing this situation,

Noting in this regard the meeting between the League of Arab States ministerial committee with the Syrian authorities in Doha on October 30 and the acceptance by the Syrian government of the LAS plan in order to implement the above-mentioned initiative,

Emphasizing the importance of expeditious settlement of all remaining issues that concern the implementation of the LAS plan which will open the way to peaceful, non-violent settlement of the situation in Syria that excludes intervention from outside,

1. **Demands** that all parties in Syria immediately stop any violence irrespective of where it comes from in accordance with LAS initiative.

2. **Urges** the Syrian government to put an end to suppression of those exercising their rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association and complete without delay investigations carried out by the Syrian judicial committee into all events in which civilians and security personnel were killed or injured.

3. **Urges also** all groups of Syrian opposition to dissociate themselves from extremists, accept LAS initiative and to engage without preconditions in political dialogue with the Syrian authorities with a view to holding a substantial and in-depth discussion on the ways of reforming the Syrian society.

4. **Calls upon** all member states maintaining contacts with various groups of Syrian opposition to urge them to accept LAS initiative and expeditiously engage in national dialogue.

5. **Demands** that all the parties insure respect for and act in accordance with applicable international law.

6. **Calls for** an inclusive Syrian-led political process to be conducted in the environment free from violence and lead to the full implementation of the reforms that will effectively address the legitimate aspirations and concerns of Syria's people.

7. **Encourages** the League of Arab States to continue efforts in cooperation with all Syrian stakeholders aimed at putting an end to violence, promoting political dialogue, including through deployment of the league's mission of observers to Syria with the aim of assessing the situation on the ground and expresses full commitment to provide all necessary assistance in the implementation of these plans.

8. **Calls upon** Syrian government and League of Arab States to expeditiously settle the remaining issues concerning the deployment of the league's mission of observers to Syria.

9. **Calls upon** the Syrian government to expedite the implementation of the announced reforms, in particular drafting and adopting a new constitution, in order to effectively address the legitimate aspirations and concerns of Syria's people.

10. **Stresses** the need for a free and fair electoral process in Syria's upcoming parliamentary elections to be conducted in the atmosphere of calm, security and democratic competition.

11. **Decides** that nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted as an authorization of any sort of military interference in Syria by anyone.

12. **Decides** to consider the situation again 30 days after the adoption of the present resolution.