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Excellency,

I am writing to you with reference to the ongoing efforts under your distinguished stewardship to pass a resolution on the situation in Syria in the plenary of the General Assembly, under item 33 (prevention of armed conflict). Given the complex and worrisome situation in Syria, we welcome the sustained attention of the whole membership of the General Assembly.

In order to garner the broadest possible support for a resolution on Syria, we believe that a transparent and inclusive consultative process would be helpful. We would therefore kindly ask you to convene informal negotiations on the text open to all Member States at your earliest convenience, as per usual procedures. In the meantime, and in order for my delegation to be able to support the text, I would kindly ask you to take the amendments in the attached memo into account in the draft resolution that you intend to circulate.

Yours sincerely,

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## Amendments proposed by the delegation of Switzerland

- **PP9:** "used in the conduct of hostilities, **including by armed elements of the opposition**, and ...";
- **PP12:** "deploring also the failure **of all parties to the conflict** to release...";
- **PP19:** Recalling also all meetings of the group of friends of the Syrian people, in particular the fourth Ministerial Meeting held in Marrakech on 12 December 2012, where **the chair** acknowledged **in his concluding remarks** the NCSROF as the legitimate representative of the Syrian people;
- **OP5:** "Demands **all parties to the conflict** to release...";
- **Reformulation of OP14 (ex OP20):** add "**in compliance with humanitarian principles**";
- **OP25 (ex OP13):** **Notes** the establishment (...) Syrian people, and **recalls that** the communiqué issued by the Coalition on February 18 and 22, 2013 **endorsed** the principle of a political transition leading to a civil, democratic and pluralistic Syria, where all citizens are equal regardless of gender, religion, or ethnicity.