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The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions of Member States to the United Nations, and following its Note-Verbal 427 dated April 10, 2013 regarding the draft resolution, entitled "**The Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic**", has the honor to inform that despite all the substantive observations and suggested amendments addressed by many Member States, the sponsors of the draft resolution are still persistent with their efforts to impose their own agenda on the wide membership of the General Assembly even after the issuance of the forth version of draft.

The Syrian Mission finds itself obliged to forward to you the following elements, in which it reiterates its explanation of the very provocative approach followed in drafting the draft resolution, both on the form as well as on the substance. This explanation might serve to enable you to better understand the real hostile political intentions of the drafters, as well as to remind you that a total rejection of the drafters' illegitimate attempt is needed right now to stop this unprecedented process that targets unlawfully the very basic provisions of the Charter, as well as the sovereign equality among Member States.

In this regard, the Syrian Mission would like to draw your kind attention to the following:

1- The drafters are still referring in operative paragraph 25 to the "National Coalition of the Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces". This particular paragraph **welcomes** the establishment of the "Coalition" and goes further to note that the "Coalition" is the legitimate representative of the Syrian People:

- As a matter of fact, since the beginning of the crisis in Syria, certain Member States' authorities unlawfully engaged in the crisis, and started creating and promoting for certain opposition groups outside Syria. At the outset, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar authorities established what is called "Syrian National Council" in Istanbul. After its failure, Qatar took the lead, and established the so called "National Coalition of the Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces".

- The so called "Coalition" is in no way a representative neither of the Syrian People, nor of the different opposition groups. Ironically, the truth is that the scene which was orchestrated by Qatar and Saudi Arabia during the Arab Summit in Doha, with regard to giving the Syrian seat to the "Coalition", widened the gap between the "Coalition" and the different political opposition groups, whether external or internal; needless to mention the enormous opposition of all armed groups operating in Syria to the "Coalition" and the newly so called elected "Prime Minister".
- After what happened before and during Doha Summit, the members of the "Coalition" publicly unveiled the scandalous process that led to the appointment of the so called opposition "head of Government", who is residing outside Syria and has not yet formulated his so called "Government". This process resulted in imposing a fake "prime minister" who has no qualifications, whatsoever, but to be a member of an Islamic fundamental group.
- This process led to huge waves of resignations in the "Coalition" itself, including the head of the "Coalition", followed by withdrawal of those resignations due to financial and political pressure exerted by Qatar and its allies.
- There are no doubts that Qatar, who is leading the discussions of the draft resolution, is trying to get the United Nations' wide membership involved in this illegitimate game, in order to give the impression that those roughly 60 persons who constitute the so called "Coalition", and whom it hosts and provides with salaries and media support, are "the legitimate representatives of the Syrian People".

2- The drafters are still requesting the General Assembly to welcome the efforts of the League of the Arab States (LAS) towards a political resolution of the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and to **welcome all** relevant League of Arab States resolutions in this regards:

- In addition to what was mentioned in our above mentioned Note Verbal in this regard, it is worth noting that the LAS, itself, has recently retreated from its decision regarding giving the Syrian Arab Republic seat to the "Coalition". In fact, the Secretariat of the LAS circulated a note-verbal to all its Member States and offices in different regions of the world, in which it expressed its preference to postpone the implementation of its earlier decision in this regard, and to ask the representatives of the "coalition", instead, to not attend its meetings, pending the formation of an interim Government.
- Moreover, the president of the Arab Parliament has declared after the meeting of the Parliament Bureau, held at the LAS headquarter on April 20, 2013, that: "The participation of the Coalition of the Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces in the Arab Parliament is subject to the existence of an effective authority of the Coalition that represents all spectrums of the Syrian People".
- It is non-comprehensible how the drafters are trying to convince the full membership of the General Assembly that the LAS resolutions are aiming

towards a political resolution of the situation in Syria, **while one of those resolutions gives green light to the LAS members to provide arms to the armed groups, contrary to the essence of Brahimi mission.**

3- The drafters of the resolution are trying to give the impression that the draft is based on consensus among Arab States, while ignoring the fact that even the LAS above mentioned decisions themselves are non-consensual, noting that certain Arab States either opposed or disassociated themselves from those decisions.

4- The draft resolution represents a clear incitement to violence and terrorism, and it reflects a blatant interference in Syria's internal affairs. The draft fails to acknowledge the existence of thousands of foreign terrorists fighting in Syria, committing their heinous crimes against Syria and its people.

5- If the purpose of this draft resolution, as falsely declared, is to stand by the Syrian People, one can expect the drafters to underline the dangerous consequences of the wide spread of terrorism in Syria, one can expect the resolution to send a clear cut message to those who sponsor terrorists fighting in Syria to stop their crimes, one can expect shedding light on the dangerous and alarming regional and international repercussions of letting tens of thousands of foreign terrorists to operate in Syria, many of whom are driven by fundamental and extremist thoughts and associated with Al Qaeda.

6- The Special Envoy, Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, confirmed during his last briefing to the Security Council, that more than 40 thousands foreign terrorists are fighting in Syria. Moreover, United Nations reports confirmed that fighters from 29 countries have infiltrated into Syria to join the terrorists in their fight against the Syrian Government. It is important also to draw the attention to a research conducted by the "International Center for the Study of Radicalism UK", which concluded that more than 805 terrorist came from European Countries only. Another Study, conducted by "Gatestone Institute, NY" indicated that more than 1000 Islamists from across Europe are currently active as Jihadists in Syria.

The Syrian Mission reiterates that the proposed draft resolution is biased and politically motivated. The draft reflects the reality of the scandalous involvement of certain Member States in all kinds of supporting and inciting violence and terrorism. This draft constitutes a mere machination aiming at preparing the ground for an unprecedented attempt to contest the legitimate representation of the Syrian Government to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic emphasizes once again the principles of sovereignty, sovereign equality, territorial integrity and noninterference in the internal affairs of any Member State, as stated in the Charter of United Nations. The Syrian Mission also reaffirms the exclusive and primary responsibility of the State to protect its own people, as a fundamental rule of international law approved by the founding fathers of this organization.

In conclusion, the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic kindly urges all Member States to **vote AGAINST** the above mentioned resolution. By voting **AGAINST** the draft, you will contribute to maintaining the principles and purposes of the Charter, and also prevent creating a dangerous precedence, noting that voting in abstention will disservice those essential principles.

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