



PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA
TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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Excellency,

I am writing to you on your initiative to table a General Assembly resolution on the Situation in Syria at the Plenary of the General Assembly under agenda item 34 (prevention of armed conflict).

While Malaysia has consistently been supportive of past resolutions on the Situation in Syria, we do have concerns on the current draft resolution (rev.3), namely on two operative paragraphs, which are OP24 (exOP13) and OP25 (exOP14). In this regard, we would like to kindly request your kind consideration on our proposals to the two paragraphs, which we believe, would make the draft resolution as a whole more acceptable that would gain the broadest support possible from the UN membership. Our proposals are as follows:

OP24 (exOP13)

*"Welcomes **Notes** the establishment of the National Coalition of the Syrian Revolution and Opposition Forces on 11 November 2012 in Doha, State of Qatar, ~~notes~~ **and** the wide international acknowledgement of the Coalition as the legitimate representative of the Syrian people, and welcomes the communiqué issued by the Coalition on February 15 and 23, 2013, which 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;"*

OP25 (exOP14)

"*Welcomes* the efforts of the League of Arab States towards a **peaceful** political resolution of the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic ~~and supports all~~ **through** relevant League of Arab States resolutions;"

Malaysia looks forward to informal consultations on the draft resolution, which would allow a healthy exchange of views between all delegations in working towards a resolution that would enjoy greater support.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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