

Note by the Secretariat

On behalf of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations, the attached paper is hereby circulated for the information of the members of the Security Council.

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**Note on the Operations of the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria
(UNSMIS)**

In view of the upsurge in armed conflict between the Government and the armed opposition in Syria over the past days, UNSMIS has decided to reassess its posture and activities in light of the inability to perform its mandated functions. As of 1800 local time on 15 June 2012, UNSMIS moved to a posture of presence in all Team Sites and in Damascus headquarters, limiting mobile activities and engagement to case-by-case consideration. A return to normal operations remains UNSMIS' objective, and the decision will be regularly reviewed as the situation evolves on the ground.

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