

Item 4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Organization for Defending Victims of Violence

Call for Ending Syria Conflict

Mr President,

The UN is the elegant manifestation of human aspiration to live in a world free of war. Noting the UN invaluable efforts to maintain stability around the world, my organization raises serious concerns over the effectiveness of the UN attempts to stop the prolonged Syrian war.

Noting the establishment of International Commission of Inquiry of Syria (CoI) as well as the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism by the UN and the close co-operation of Syrian grass-root organization in recording and documentation of all crimes committed in the country¹, we believe that unending conflict blows the UN dignity, undermining its credibility and fading people's faith in this institution.

In extreme pain, the world reviews the news of killings, summary executions, torture, maiming and sever corporal punishment of civilians² by all terrorists in Syria. Millions of dollars are being spent on the documentation of criminal acts committed in Syria³ which could be spent on the country's development if the war would stop.

As the superpowers serious concerns for protection of their national interests fans the flames of the conflict⁴ individual activists, NGOs and the grass-root organizations are doing whatever they can do for humanity.

Recommendations

We call on the UN HRC to urge the Security Council take action to stop the Syrian war.

Our organization calls on Syria to fully co-operate with the UN International Commission of Inquiry and grant them full access to the country.

We also call on all members of the civil society concerned about the situation of civilians in Syria to urge the UN Security Council to use its full power to end the deadly conflict in Syria.

¹ . <https://www.newsdeeply.com/syria/articles/2017/06/01/long-read-how-the-syrian-war-changed-how-war-crimes-are-documented>

² . <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/IICISyria/Pages/Documentation.aspx>

³ . <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=21266>

⁴ . <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/14/the-cold-war-never-ends-syria-is-a-russian-american-conflict-say/>