Syrian Arab Republic

**News Focus: Syria**

**Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria (OSES)***
[https://specialenvoysyria.unmissions.org/](https://specialenvoysyria.unmissions.org/)

**Syria: a 10-year crisis in 10 figures (OCHA, 12 March 2021):**

Secretary-General announces appointments to Independent Senior Advisory Panel on Syria Humanitarian Deconfliction System (SG/SM/20548, 21 January 2021):

Secretary-General establishes board to investigate events in North-West Syria since signing of Russian Federation-Turkey Memorandum on Idlib (SG/SM/19685, 1 August 2019):

Supporting the future of Syria and the region - Brussels IV Conference, 30 June 2020:

Third Brussels conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 12-14 March 2019:

Second Brussels Conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 24-25 April 2018:

First Brussels Conference "Supporting the future of Syria and the region", 4-5 April 2017:

Summary of UN Headquarters 'Board of Inquiry' Report:
UN-Syrian Arab Red Crescent aid convoy attacked from the air
(DPA Politically Speaking, 21 December 2016):

**Security Council**

- **Meetings in 2021**: 15, 4 March, 25, 9, 4 February, 20, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East
  
  *Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:*
  
  [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc)
  
• **Meetings in 2020**: 16, 11 December, 25, 5 November, 27 October, 18, 16, 10 September, 27, 19, 5 August, 29, 23, 14, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7 July, 29, 16, 2 June, 19, 18 May, 29, 15 April, 30 March, 28, 27, 19, 6 February, 29, 10 January - The situation in the Middle East
  
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  
  
  
  
  
  

• **Meetings in 2019**: 20, 19 December, 22, 14, 5 November, 24, 8 October, 30, 19 September, 29, 7 August, 30 July, 27, 26, 25, 18 June, 28, 17 May, 30, 24 April, 27 March, 28, 26 February, 30 January – The situation in the Middle East
  
  
  
  

• **Meetings in 2018**: 20, 13 December, 29, 19, 5 November, 29, 26 October, 18, 11, 7, 6 September, 28 August, 27 July, 27 June, 29 May, 25, 17, 14, 10, 4 April, 27, 19, 16, 12 March, 28, 24, 22, 21, 5 February, 30, 23 January – The situation in the Middle East
  
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2018
  
  
  
  
  

• **Meetings in 2017**: 19 December, 29, 27, 17, 16, 7 November, 24 October, 27 September, 30 August, 27 July, 27, 15 June, 30, 23, 22 May, 27, 12, 7, 5 April, 30 March, 28, 22 February, 26 January – The situation in the Middle East
  
  http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2017
  
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- **Meetings in 2015**: 22, 21, 18 December, 16 November, 27 October, 16 September, 27, 17, 7 August, 29 July, 28 July, 29 June, 28 May, 24, 21 April, 26 March, 6 March, 26 February, 28 January – The situation in the Middle East http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2015


- **Meetings in 2013**: 2 October, 27 September, 24 and 18 April, 26 February – The situation in the Middle East http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2013

- **Meetings in 2012**: 30 August – The situation in the Middle East; 9 August - Meeting with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria; 19 & 20 July – Middle East; 10 June - Meeting with countries contributing troops and police to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Syrian Arab Republic; 23 April – Middle East; 21 April – Middle East; 14 April – Middle East; 27 March – Middle East; 21 March – Middle East; 12 March – Middle East; 4 February - Middle East situation - Syria; 31 January - Middle East situation – Syria http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2012

- **Meetings in 2011**: 4 October – Middle East Situation; 3 August - Middle East situation; 10 May - Protection of civilians in armed Conflict - 10 May; 27 April - Meetings on the Middle East Situation http://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2011
  - Security Council fails to adopt draft resolution condemning Syria’s crackdown on anti-government protestors, owing to veto by Russian Federation, China (SC/10403, 4 October 2011): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2011/sc10403.doc.htm
Resolutions and other selected documents:


  ➢ Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/396T7Ym

  Transmits copy of the final statement of the international conference on the return of Syrian internally displaced persons and refugees, held in Damascus, 11-12 Nov. 2020.


  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/684; the draft resolution received 12 votes in favour, none against and 3 abstentions and has been adopted as resolution 2533 (2020).

  Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/683; the draft resolution received 4 votes in favour, 7 against, and 4 abstentions and has not been adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.


  ➢ Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/396T7Ym

Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the amendment contained in document S/2020/668, proposed by the Russian Federation, to the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/667; the proposal received 2 votes in favour, 7 against, and 6 abstentions and has not been carried, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.


Requests that enclosed amendment to the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/668 be put to a vote prior to the voting procedure on the entire draft.


- **S/2020/664** (9 July 2020): Letter dated 8 July 2020 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General and the Permanent Representatives of the members of the Security Council: [http://undocs.org/S/2020/664](http://undocs.org/S/2020/664)

Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/658; the draft resolution received 4 votes in favour, 7 against, and 4 abstentions and has not been adopted, having failed to obtain the required number of votes.


Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/654; the draft resolution received 13 votes in favour, 2 against (China and the Russian Federation), and no abstentions ad has not been adopted, owing to the negative vote of permanent members of the Security Council.


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation).


Submitted pursuant to para. 5 of Security Council resolution 2504 (2020).


Transmits summary of the report of the UN Headquarters Board of Inquiry into certain incidents in the north-west of the Syrian Arab Republic since 17 Sept. 2018 involving facilities on the UN de-escalation list and UN-supported facilities.


Transmits additional protocol to the memorandum on the stabilization of the situation in the Idlib de-escalation Area signed by the Russian Federation and Turkey on 5 Mar. 2020.


Transmits joint statement by the Presidents of Turkey and the Russian Federation, Istanbul, Turkey, 8 Jan. 2020.


on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism for a period of 6 months


on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism for a period of 6 months
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 3 permanent members of the Security Council (France, United Kingdom, United States) (S/PV.8697).

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.8697).

Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria in the Astana Format, held in Nur-Sultan, 10-11 Dec. 2019.


Transmits joint statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Small Group on Syria, dated 26 Sept. 2019.


http://undocs.org/S/2019/757
The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8623).

http://undocs.org/S/2019/756
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.8623).

http://undocs.org/S/AC.51/2019/1

S/2019/155 (19 February 2019): Letter dated 18 February 2019 from the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2019/155
Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, 14 Feb. 2019.

S/2019/146 (15 February 2019): Letter dated 15 February 2019 from the representatives of Egypt, France, Germany, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2019/146
Transmits joint statement as issued by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs during the meeting of the Syria Small Group, held in Washington, D.C., 6 Feb. 2019.

[on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism until 10 Jan. 2020]

Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria, held in Astana, 28-29 Nov. 2018.

Prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and subsequent resolutions; covers the period from 16 Nov. 2013-30 June 2018.

Transmits joint statement issued at the quadrilateral summit on Syria, held in Istanbul, Turkey, 27 Oct. 2018.

Transmits memorandum on the stabilization of the situation in the Idlib de-escalation area signed by the Russian Federation and Turkey on 17 Sept. 2018.


Submitted pursuant to para. 5 of Security Council resolution 2393 (2017).


The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8223).

Urges the Security Council not to give up on efforts to agree upon a dedicated mechanism to attribute responsibility for the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.

The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8228).

S/2018/321 (10 April 2018): Draft resolution [on establishment of the UN Independent Mechanism of Investigation (UNIMI) to investigate the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Albania, Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: http://undocs.org/S/2018/321
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation (S/PV.8228))
The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes ([S/PV.8228](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8228)).


On cessation of hostilities to enable humanitarian aid delivery in the Syrian Arab Republic

Renewing the authorization for cross-border and cross-conflict-line humanitarian access to Syria for a further 12 months, until 10 January 2019


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) ([S/PV.8107](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8107)).

The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes ([S/PV.8105](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8105)).

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) ([S/PV.8105](http://undocs.org/S/PV.8105)).


• **S/2017/904** (26 October 2017): Letter dated 26 October 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: [http://undocs.org/S/2017/904](http://undocs.org/S/2017/904)

  ➢ **Earlier reports:** [https://bit.ly/3sQPoGy](https://bit.ly/3sQPoGy)


• **S/2017/884** (24 October 2017): Draft resolution [on renewal of the mandate of the OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism to identify the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic for one additional year] / Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7892).


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7892).

- **S/2017/172** (28 February 2017): Draft resolution [on use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2017/172](http://undocs.org/S/2017/172)


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.7825).


on establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic.


Transmits documents concerning the establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic.


Transmits joint statement by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and the Republic of Turkey on "agreed steps to revitalize the political process to end the Syrian conflict", adopted in Moscow on 20 Dec. 2016.


on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism until 18 Jan. 2018


on humanitarian evacuations in Aleppo, Syrian Arab Republic.


The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.7825).


The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.7785).

S/2016/846 (8 October 2016): Draft resolution [on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic] / Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2016/846]
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7785).

on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Submitted pursuant to para. 15 of Security Council resolution 2254 (2015), in which the Council requested the Secretary-General to report within 60 days on the implementation of the resolution.

on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal for a period of 12 months of two decisions of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014).

endorsing road map for peace process in Syria, setting timetable for talks.

on establishment of an OPCW-UN Joint Investigative Mechanism to identify the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.

on the progress in the elimination of the Syrian chemical weapons programme.

on renewal of the decisions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Security Council resolution 2165 (2014) for a period of 12 months until 10 Jan. 2016.

on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the establishment of a monitoring mechanism.

S/2014/348 (22 May 2014): Draft resolution [on referring the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic to the International Criminal Court] / Albania, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Côte d’Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Samoa, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: [http://undocs.org/S/2014/348]
The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.7180).

Transmits report entitled “A report into the credibility of certain evidence with regard to torture and execution of persons incarcerated by the current Syrian regime”, prepared by a commission of inquiry consisting of legal, medical and medical imaging experts.


• S/2013/591 (7 October 2013): Letter dated 7 October 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2013/591 Transmits proposal of the Secretary-General outlining his plans for a Joint Mission with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)


• S/2013/184 (25 March 2013): Letter dated 22 March 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council http://undocs.org/S/2013/184

  The Secretary-General announced his decision to conduct an investigation into the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic


  The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of 2 permanent members of the Security Council (China and Russian Federation) (S/PV.6810).


  Annex (p.18-22): "Final communiqué of the Action Group for Syria"


  Provides a background to the crisis in the Syrian Arab Republic and outlines a proposal for a UN Supervision Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic (UNSMIS) for an initial period of 3 months; recommends that the Security Council authorize UNSMIS, with the understanding that the Secretary-General consider relevant developments on the ground, including the consolidation of the cessation of the violence, in deciding on deployments.


• S/PRST/2012/6 (21 March 2012): http://undocs.org/S/PRST/2012/6

  Includes text of the initial six-point proposal submitted to the Syrian authorities, as outlined by the Joint Special Envoy for the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, to the Security Council on 16 March 2012)
General Assembly


Transmit the 2nd report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755); covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb.-31 July 2018.


  Submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248 and para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755).


  Outlines progress made in the operationalization of the Mechanism, notably in terms of administrative set-up and fundraising.


General Assembly takes action on Second Committee reports by adopting 37 texts; Resolution establishing international mechanism concerning Syria passed in direct plenary action (GA/11880, 21 December 2016):


General Assembly demands immediate end to hostilities in Syria, as speakers decry Security Council’s continuing impotence (GA/11871, 9 December 2016):

- **A/RES/71/130**: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic: [http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/130](http://undocs.org/A/RES/71/130)


General Assembly adopts text condemning violence in Syria, demanding that all sides end hostilities (GA/11372, 15 May 2013):


- General Assembly, in resolution, demands all in Syria ‘immediately and visibly’ commit to ending violence that Secretary-General says is ripping country apart (GA/11266, 3 August 2012): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/ga11266.doc.htm
- Informal meeting of the Plenary on the Situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - 7 June 2012: http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2012/ga11250.doc.htm
- General Assembly adopts resolution strongly condemning ‘widespread and systematic’ human rights violations by Syrian authorities; Text passes by 137 votes in favour to 12 against, with 17 abstentions (GA/11207, 16 February 2012): http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs//2012/ga11207.doc.htm
- General Assembly to discuss latest developments in Syria (UN News Centre Story, 10 February 2012): https://bit.ly/39SwmXq

### Human Rights Council


UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria: Respect for the rule of law and fundamental rights must not be undermined for political expediency or sacrificed for security considerations (9 May 2019): https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/Pages/NewsDetail.aspx?NewsID=24585


UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria stresses the need to account for the fate and whereabouts of detained and missing individuals countrywide (28 November 2018): https://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=23940


37th session of the Human Rights Council - Urgent Debate on situation in Eastern Ghouta


• Almost five years on, Syria is a country destroyed with civilians paying the biggest price: UN Commission of Inquiry on Syria (22 February 2016): http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=17078
• Syrian civilians suffering large-scale and widespread executions and deaths in detention centres on all sides of the conflict (8 February 2016): http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=17020
• 19th special session on the “deteriorating human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the recent killings in El-Houleh” - 1 June 2012: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session19/Pages/19thSpecialSession.aspx
• Urgent Debate on the Human Rights and Humanitarian Situation in Syria (28 February - 1 March 2012)
  o The Human Rights Council calls on the Syrian Government to immediately end attacks on civilians: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCallsSyrianGovernmenttoimmediatelyendattacksoncivilians.aspx
  o The Human Rights Council holds an urgent debate on Syria: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/TheHRCallsSyrianGovernmenttoimmediatelyendattacksoncivilians.aspx
• 18th special session on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic - 2 December 2011: http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/SpecialSessions/Session18/Pages/18thSpecialSession.aspx

Selected documents


  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 43/28, presents findings based on investigations conducted from 11 Jan. to 1 July 2020.

  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 43/28, covers events in Idlib and surrounding areas from 1 Nov. 2019 to 1 June 2020.


  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 40/17, presents findings based on investigations conducted from 11 July 2019 to 10 Jan. 2020.


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  Panel held on 14 Mar. 2017, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 33/23
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  Examines the killing of detainees occurring between 10 March 2011 and 30 November 2015. Includes maps of selected Government detention centres where deaths in custody have been documented.


  Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2015.


  • Q & A on the 8th report: http://www.ohchr.org/Documents/HRBodies/HRCouncil/ColSyria/Syria_Public_Q_A_August2014.doc


  Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2014.

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- Oral Update of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic (18 March 2014):
- Without a Trace: Enforced Disappearances in Syria (19 December 2013):
  Informs that the report of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons to the GA is contained in (A/67/931).
  Annexes (p. 27-131): Includes correspondence with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic (annex 1).
  Contains information on relevant developments up until 20 July 2012; a summary of information submitted by Syria in notes verbales addressed to OHCHR during the reporting period; information on measures and actions taken by relevant international stakeholders.
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  Presents findings based on investigations conducted until 20 July 2012.
  Contains information on recent developments on the ground until 11 May 2012, a summary of information submitted by Syria to OHCHR in several notes verbales, as well as information on measures and actions taken by relevant international stakeholders.
  Includes 12 communications between the Commission of Inquiry and the Syrian Government (annexes 1-12).
  Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2011.
UN Entities

- United Nations in Syria

- United Nations Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS) (until 19 August 2012)
  https://peacekeeping.un.org/misison/past/unsmis/

- Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons – Syria and the OPCW
  https://www.opcw.org/media-centre/featured-topics/syria-and-opcw

- OPCW-UN Joint Mission
  http://opcw.unmissions.org/

- United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
  - Secretary-General’s Mechanism for investigation of alleged use of chemical and biological weapons: https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/secretary-general-mechanism/

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Syrian Arab Republic
  http://www.ohchr.org/EN/countries/MENARegion/Pages/SYIndex.aspx
- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict

- Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict (SRSG-SVC) - Syrian Arab Republic

- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - Syrian Arab Republic
  - [https://www.unicef.org/syria](https://www.unicef.org/syria)
  - [http://childrenofsyria.info/](http://childrenofsyria.info/)
  - Hitting Rock Bottom - How 2016 became the worst year for Syria’s children: [http://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AMZIFDMAU4](http://weshare.unicef.org/Package/2AMZIFDMAU4)

- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA)
  - Syria at War: Five Years On (April 2016): [https://www.unescwa.org/publications/syria-war-five-years](https://www.unescwa.org/publications/syria-war-five-years)

- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) – Syrian Arab Republic
  - [http://www.unhcr.org/sy/](http://www.unhcr.org/sy/)
  - Searching for Syria: [https://www.searchingsyria.org](https://www.searchingsyria.org)
  - UNHCR: Syria conflict at five years (News Stories, 15 March 2016): [http://www.unhcr.org/56e6e1b991.html](http://www.unhcr.org/56e6e1b991.html)

- United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) – Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT) – Maps: Syria
  - [http://www.unitar.org/unosat/maps/SYR](http://www.unitar.org/unosat/maps/SYR)

- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
  - Syria Crisis: [https://www.unocha.org/syria](https://www.unocha.org/syria)
  - ReliefWeb: Syrian Arab Republic (the): [http://reliefweb.int/country/syr](http://reliefweb.int/country/syr)
  - ‘I Wish It Had Been a Dream’: Voices from Syria (15 March 2021): [https://www.unocha.org/story/%e2%80%98i-wish-it-had-been-dream%e2%80%99-voices-syria](https://www.unocha.org/story/%e2%80%98i-wish-it-had-been-dream%e2%80%99-voices-syria)
  - Syria: Hostilities continue to displace hundreds of thousands of people (6 July 2018): [http://reliefweb.int/node/2494044](http://reliefweb.int/node/2494044)
  - The UN and partners plan to deliver humanitarian assistance to eastern Ghouta (4 March 2018): [https://reliefweb.int/node/2494044](https://reliefweb.int/node/2494044)


  - syria@10: [https://www.unrwa.org/campaign/syria10](https://www.unrwa.org/campaign/syria10)

- UN Women – UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

- World Food Programme (WFP) [http://www.wfp.org/countries/syria](http://www.wfp.org/countries/syria)
  - Syria Emergency: [https://www.wfp.org/emergencies/syria-emergency](https://www.wfp.org/emergencies/syria-emergency)
  - Aleppo, Syria: ‘Each day that comes is worse than the one before’ (15 March 2021): [https://www.wfp.org/stories/aleppo-syria-each-day-comes-worse-one](https://www.wfp.org/stories/aleppo-syria-each-day-comes-worse-one)

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- **International Organization for Migration - IOM Response to the Syria Crisis:** [http://www.iom.int/countries/syria](http://www.iom.int/countries/syria)


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- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock - Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria, 25 February 2021: [https://reliefweb.int/node/3716546](https://reliefweb.int/node/3716546)


- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock - Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria, 20 January 2021: [https://reliefweb.int/node/3706003](https://reliefweb.int/node/3706003)


- Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mark Lowcock - Briefing to the Security Council on the humanitarian situation in Syria, 16 December 2020: [https://reliefweb.int/node/3697679](https://reliefweb.int/node/3697679)


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Further Information


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