Syrian Arab Republic

News Focus: Syria

'Big disappointment' over lack of Syria constitution agreement
(UN News, 22 September 2021):

Process to draft Syria constitution begins this week (17 October 2021):

Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria (OSES)
https://specialenvoysyria.unmissions.org/
Syrian Civil Society Voices: A Critical Part of the Political Process

Syria: a 10-year crisis in 10 figures (OCHA, 12 March 2021):
https://www.unocha.org/story/syria-10-year-crisis-10-figures

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):

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 2022: 20 May, 29, 26 April, 24, 10 March, 28, 25, 15 February, 27, 26, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East
  Meeting records, press releases and resolutions:
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2022

- Meetings in 2021: 20 December, 15, 11 November, 4 October, 15, 2 September, 24, 4 August, 19, 6 July, 23 June, 26, 6 May, 28, 6 April, 29, 15, 4 March, 25, 9, 4 February, 20, 5 January - The situation in the Middle East
  https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/meetings-2020-vtc
  https://research.un.org/en/docs/sc/quick/meetings/2021
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

- 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
  o Security Council fails to adopt draft resolution condemning Syria’s crackdown on antigovernment 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:


  78th report; covers Feb.-Mar. 2022.
  ➢ *Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/396T7Ym*


  Transmits communication dated 28 Jan. 2022 from the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) transmitting report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in the Syrian Arab Republic regarding the incidents of alleged use of chemicals as a weapon in Marea on 1 and 3 Sept. 2015.


  Transmits concept note for and compilation of statements made at the Security Council Arria-formula meeting on "Accountability in the Syrian Arab Republic", held on 29 Nov. 2021.

  Submitted pursuant to Security Council resolution 2585 (2021).

  Transmits 2nd report by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) Investigation and Identification Team pursuant to para. 10 of decision C-SS-4/DEC.3 (Addressing the Threat from Chemical Weapons Use) Saraqib (Syrian Arab Republic), 4 Feb. 2018.

  Prepared pursuant to Security Council resolution 1612 (2005) and subsequent resolutions; covers the period from 1 July 2018-30 June 2020; includes information regarding trends and patterns of grave violations against children since the previous report (S/2018/969) and the conclusions of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict, adopted in July 2019 (S/AC.51/2019/1).

  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.

S/2020/848 (28 August 2020): Letter dated 27 August 2020 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Russian Federation and Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2020/848

on humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and renewal of authorization of relief delivery and monitoring mechanism for a period of 12 months

Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the draft resolution contained in document S/2020/658; 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/2020/654; 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/2020/667; the draft resolution received 13 votes in favour, 2 against (China and the Russian Federation), and no abstentions and has not been adopted, owing to the negative vote of permanent members of the Security Council.

Informs that the Security Council has concluded the voting procedure on the amendment 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/2020/667 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
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 deconfliction 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.

Submitted pursuant to para. 6 of Security Council resolution 2504 (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.


The draft resolution was not adopted having failed to obtain the required number of votes (S/PV.8623).


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).


Transmits joint statement on the international meeting on Syria, held in Sochi, Russian Federation, 14 Feb. 2019.


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.8233).

  - 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).

  - 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).


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

S/2017/962 (16 November 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] / France, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/962

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

S/2017/931 (6 November 2017): Letter dated 3 November 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/931


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


➢ Earlier reports: https://bit.ly/3sQPoGy

S/2017/552 (28 June 2017): Letter dated 23 June 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/552


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 Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/884

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.8073).

S/2017/567 (30 June 2017): Letter dated 30 June 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/567

Transmits letter dated 29 June 2017 from the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) regarding the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic on 4 April 2017.

S/2017/400 (5 May 2017): Letter dated 4 May 2017 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2017/400


http://undocs.org/S/2017/315

The draft resolution was not adopted due to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Security Council (Russian Federation) (S/PV.7922).
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
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.7893).

addressed to the President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2017/45
Transmits two notes by the Technical Secretariat of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical
Weapons, entitled "Report of the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission in Syria regarding the incident of
2 August 2016 as reported in the note verbale of the Syrian Arab Republic number 69, dated
16 August 2016" and "Summary update of the activities carried out by the OPCW Fact-Finding Mission
in Syria in 2016" respectively.

on establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic

S/2016/1133 (29 December 2016): Letter dated 29 December 2016 from the Permanent
Representative of the Russian Federation and the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent
Mission of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council: http://undocs.org/S/2016/1133
Transmits documents concerning the establishment of a ceasefire in the Syrian Arab Republic.

A/71/730-S/2016/1082 (22 December 2016): Letter dated 20 December 2016 from the
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed
to the Secretary-General: http://undocs.org/S/2016/1082
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
draw to a close the conflict", adopted in Moscow on 20 Dec. 2016.

S/2016/1090 (21 December 2016): Letter dated 20 December 2016 from the Secretary-
General addressed to the President of the Security Council:
http://undocs.org/S/2016/1090
Transmits special report of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual
Violence in Conflict focusing on crimes committed by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant in the
context of Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic, prepared pursuant to Security Council resolutions 1960

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

S/2016/1026 (5 December 2016): Draft resolution [on cessation of hostilities in the
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).

extended the mandate of the United Nations-Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
(OPCW) Joint Investigative Mechanism for an additional year

extending the mandate of the United Nations-Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
(OPCW) Joint Investigative Mechanism until 18 November

S/2016/847 (8 October 2016): Draft resolution [on cessation of hostilities in the Syrian
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, Sao 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.

on the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic


Transmits the final report of the UN Mission to Investigate Allegations of the Use of Chemical Weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic; includes 11 appendices.

Transmits proposal of the Secretary-General outlining his plans for a Joint Mission with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)


Transmits decision of the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons entitled "Decision on destruction of Syrian chemical weapons"

on the use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic
The Secretary-General announced his decision to conduct an investigation into the alleged use of chemical weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic.
Updates the Council on the implementation of the Security Council resolution 2059 (2012) and the situation in Syria since the 2 Aug. 2012 briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations.
on the renewal of the mandate of UNSMIS for a final period of 30 days
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"
on the establishment of a UN Supervision Mission in Syria (UNSMIS)
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.
on authorization of the deployment of an advance team of up to 30 unarmed military observers to Syrian Arab Republic
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
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.6711).
Ask DAG! What is the Caesar report and where can I find it? https://ask.un.org/faq/14599
General Assembly

- **A/76/690** (11 February 2022): International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011: note / by the Secretary-General: [http://undocs.org/A/76/690](http://undocs.org/A/76/690)
  Transmit the 8th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248, para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755) and para. 37 of resolution 75/193; covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Feb. 2021-31 Jan. 2022.


  Transmit the 7th report of the Mechanism pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/248, para. 50 of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the resolution establishing the Mechanism (A/71/755) and para. 37 of resolution 75/193; covers activities of the Mechanism during the period from 1 Aug. 2020-31 Jan. 2021.


  Transmit the 6th 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. 2020-31 July 2020.

  Transmit the 5th 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 Aug. 2019-31 Jan. 2020.


  Transmit the 4th 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. 2019.

  Transmit the 3rd 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 Aug. 2018-31 Jan. 2019.


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.


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)

- **A/70/919 (9 June 2016)**: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic: report of the Secretary-General: [http://undocs.org/A/70/919](http://undocs.org/A/70/919)


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


- General Assembly strongly condemns widespread, systematic human rights violations in Syria, as it adopts 56 resolutions recommended by Third Committee (GA/11331, 20 December 2012):  
  - A/RES/67/183: Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic:  
- 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):  
  - A/RES/66/253 B: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:  
    - http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253_B
  - A/66/889 (21 August 2012): Implementation of General Assembly resolution 66/253 B on the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic; Report of the Secretary-General:  
    - http://undocs.org/A/66/889
- 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):  
  - A/RES/66/253: The situation in the Syrian Arab Republic:  
    - http://undocs.org/A/RES/66/253
- Top UN Human Rights Official says member states 'must act now' to protect Syrian people, as violent crackdown continues, in briefing to General Assembly (GA/11206, 13 February 2012):  
- General Assembly to discuss latest developments in Syria (UN News Centre Story, 10 February 2012):  
- General Assembly adopts more than 60 resolutions recommended by Third Committee, including text condemning grave, systematic human rights violations in Syria (GA/11198, 19 December 2011):  

### Human Rights Council

- **Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic:**  
  - Syria’s Missing and Disappeared: Is There a Way Forward? Recommendations for a Mechanism with an International Mandate (June 2022):  
- UN Syria Commission of Inquiry on Syria: Member States must seize moment to establish mechanism for missing persons (17 June 2022):  
- UN Syria Commission calls on Security Council to ensure live-saving humanitarian aid to Syria: “Unconscionable to consider closing last border crossing when needs are at their highest” (26 May 2022):  
- Statement by Paulo Pinheiro, Chair, UN Syria Commission at Brussels VI Conference in support of the future of Syria and the region (6 May 2022):  
- Syria's abyss: UN Syria Commission warns of escalating violence, plummeting economy and a humanitarian disaster (9 March 2022):  


• 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): https://www.ohchr.org/en/press-releases/2016/02/almost-five-years-syria-country-destroyed-civilians-paying-biggest-price-un


19th special session on the "deteriorating human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the recent killings in El-Houleh" - 1 June 2012: [https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session19/th-special-session](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session19/th-special-session)

**Urgent Debate on the Human Rights and Humanitarian Situation in Syria** (28 February - 1 March 2012)

**18th special session on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic** - 2 December 2011: [https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session18/th-special-session](https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/special-sessions/session18/th-special-session)


Selected documents
Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic:


  - Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 46/22, presents findings drawn from investigations into incidents occurring between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021.


  - 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.


  Panel held on 14 Mar. 2017, pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 33/23


  Submitted pursuant to Human Rights Council resolution 31/17, presents findings based on investigations conducted from 10 Jan. to 20 July 2016. The present report should be read in conjunction with previous


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


Covers the period 15 Mar.-15 June 2014.


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).


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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/mission/past/unsmis/
  - Syria: UN observer mission to end, to be replaced by liaison office, official says

- **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)**
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