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Statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran

ID with COI on Syria

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Mr President,

We have taken note of the report of COI on Syria. Nonetheless, we are not in a position to support some findings and recommendations contained therein.

Mr President,

We are deeply disturbed by the continuation of massacres and other unlawful killings of thousands of civilians and displacement of the populations of entire towns. The Syrian crisis has unfortunately entered a new and dangerous phase through the usage of chemical weapons on the ground. At this critical moment, the crisis begs the collective efforts of all peace loving nations.

The Islamic Republic of Iran as one of the main victims of chemical weapons unequivocally condemns any use of chemical weapons and in congruity with other government's efforts, agree that all measures should be considered to avoid war in Syria. We agree with the COI that there is no military solution to this conflict. In the light of all efforts by the I.R. Iran for finding a political solution, upon the request of COI to visit the I.R. of Iran, we have arranged all preparations and finalized the time frame of agenda for the visit. Nevertheless, the COI, referring to the situation in Syria, expressed that they are not able to go to Tehran at this juncture.

Mr. President

We welcome new positive and constructive steps taken by the Syrian government by expressing its readiness to join the international convention prohibiting the production and use of such arms. The accession of Syria furthers the needs of the Israel regime to join WMD instruments at the earliest time and without further delay.

Today a prospect has arisen to further analyze the situation and contemplate ways to arrive at lasting peace and security. This should be considered a window of opportunity to further strengthen the willingness of all concerned nations to resolve the crisis by implementing and undertaking peaceful measures through political dialogue. In this regard, the Islamic Republic of Iran would like to encourage all countries and organizations to condemn warmongering, and warns against the serious human fatalities and the catastrophic destruction of the social fabric of the Syrian society, if a war were to break out.

Finally, the Islamic Republic of Iran is ready and willing to engage in constructive cooperation with all peace-loving nations to resolve the Syrian crisis and ensure the return of peace and tranquility to the region.

I thank you Mr. President.