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### **Joint written statement\* submitted by the General Arab Women Federation (GAWF), the Union of Arab Jurists (UAJ), non-governmental organizations in special consultative status**

The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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## **The situation in Syrian Arab Republic**

Syria has been under tremendous attack for more than 19 months, waged primarily by the USA and its allies, violating the country's sovereignty, imposing economic sanctions against its people and recruiting, financing, training and arming terrorists and gangs with the most advanced weapons, communication tools and logistical support backed by petrodollars from Qatar and Saudi Arabia and by facilitating the terrorists' entries into Syria with the help of Turkey, Jordan and Lebanon.

Thus a protest movement that was asking for reform and to combat corruption was turned into an act of aggression against a sovereign UN Member State. Under the pretext to install democracy and freedom, they pushed for the removal of the Syrian president and the overthrow of the Government aiming at the destruction of the Syrian Nation in order to bring the region and its resources under US control, in line with a plan drawn up more than 20 years ago.

A fundamentally untrue claim is that the chaos and unrest is among religious groups due to sectarian differences. It is so well known to the world that all the sects in Syria have lived together in peace for generations. Those creating most killing and destruction are the recruited and armed US-NATO fanatics brought from Libya and the US-Saudi Arabia created Al-Qaeda.

It is sad to have to state that the mainstream media is biased and has all along played the role of an advocate of chaos and war, showering lies about Syria. The only information sources accepted by most journalists and the media institutions is the so-called Observatory of Syrian Human Rights, led by people who do not know Syria and by Aljazeera which has taken a clear stand against the Syrian Government from the beginning of the conflict.

The UN General Assembly resolution 2625 of October 1970 stressed the friendly relations and cooperation among nations and that every country has the duty to abstain from organizing or encouraging the organization of irregular forces or armed groups, notably groups of mercenaries on the territories of another country. These actions are prohibited by the international rights to employ forces in an indirect aggression in crimes against peace.

The world can no more ignore the play with the lives of children, women and whole families under the pretext of helping them get a false freedom when armed gangs' genocidal operations are defying the rules of international law and violating the UN Charter.

Syria, contrary to what the ongoing propaganda war tries to make us believe, is an institutional state which, despite the current difficulties imposed on it, has a functioning parliament, government and independent judicial system representing the legislative, executive and juridical branches of power. Syria, the land of humanity, has always been and will continue to be the land of all religions that lived with harmony all through the ages.

Behind all these illegal aggressions committed by the USA and its European allies against Syria are their want to control the region and its existing gas resources and destroy Syria because of its vanguard position in the Pan-Arab movement, its support for the Palestinians struggling for self-determination, and its refusal to dominate other countries.

- We urge that delivery of all arms and all logistical and media support to the opposition, and the recruiting of terrorist and fanatic groups be stopped.
- We call for the establishment of dialogue among all parties concerned.