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Upon instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to attach herewith the road map to end the crisis in Suwayda and stabilize southern Syria (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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Road map to end the crisis in Suwayda and stabilize southern Syria

The stability, security and prosperity of Syria are key to regional stability. Syria, Jordan and the United States have affirmed their joint commitment to work together, in a spirit of equal partnership, to help Syria build a future of peace and prosperity for all its people. The three countries will collectively support efforts aimed at rebuilding Syria on a basis that guarantees its security, stability, unity and sovereignty, while fulfilling the aspirations of all Syrians and preserving their rights. They will work in coordination with regional and global partners to advance an all-inclusive, Syrian-led political process that will rebuild Syrian institutions, ensure the representation of all Syrians, celebrate the diversity of Syrian society and guarantee equality under the law and on the basis of citizenship. The United States and Jordan will support the Syrian Government in overcoming the challenges facing this process, including in the areas of reconstruction, institution-building, combating terrorism and violent extremism, ending social strife and achieving national reconciliation.

This collective commitment reflects the unified resolve of Syria, Jordan and the United States to move forward in a constructive, practical and principled manner. In this context, Jordan hosted meetings on 19 July 2025 and 12 August 2025 in which the three countries agreed to work together to end the crisis in the southern Syrian Governorate of Suwayda. They recognize that the recent tragic events in Suwayda dictate a comprehensive long-term approach based on the following principles:

- Suwayda is an integral part of Syria and has no future outside Syria. The people of Suwayda are Syrian citizens with equal rights and obligations like all other Syrians.
- The deep trust deficit requires patient and sequenced approaches that begin with confidence-building measures and transitional solutions, leading to the full reintegration of the governorate into the State in a way that strengthens national unity.

The United States and Jordan acknowledged the steps taken, and the commitments made by the Syrian Government in the aftermath of the Amman meetings, and welcomed the determination expressed by Asaad al-Shaibani, the Foreign Minister of Syria, to end the crisis through a solution that ensures the unity of Syria and the rights of the people of Suwayda as Syrian citizens.

Road map to the solution

The three countries agreed on the following steps, to be implemented urgently in partnership and in full respect of Syria's sovereignty:

1. The Syrian Government will invite the United Nations Commission of Inquiry to carry out an investigation into the recent tragic events in Suwayda and will commit to holding all those who have allegedly committed violations accountable in accordance with Syrian law.
2. The Syrian Government will take immediate legal action against any and all individuals against whom there is sufficient evidence for indictment on charges of committing violations and who were part of atrocities against civilians and their properties.

3. The Syrian Government, with the support of Jordan, the United States and relevant United Nations agencies, will ensure the continuation of delivery of sufficient humanitarian and medical supplies to Suwayda, including through cooperation with United Nations agencies and other countries.
4. The Syrian Government will continue its efforts to restore all essential services to the governorate and, with support from Jordan and the United States, ensure that sufficient funding from international donors is available.
5. The Syrian Government will deploy elite Ministry of the Interior forces along the Damascus-Suwayda highway to secure the free movement of civilians and commerce, with Jordan and the United States assisting in overcoming practical obstacles.
6. The Syrian Government will remove all civilian fighters from the administrative borders of Suwayda and deploy elite police forces per the Amman agreement. Necessary steps will be taken to allow residents of the villages of Suwayda that witnessed fighting during the tragic events to return to their villages.
7. The three countries will support the efforts of the International Committee of the Red Cross to expedite the completion of the exchange of prisoners and kidnapped people.
8. The Syrian Government will announce its plans for the reconstruction of damaged villages and properties, with Jordan and the United States facilitating the necessary support.
9. The Syrian Government will intensify its leadership in disseminating a national narrative that celebrates unity, diversity and the equality of all Syrians and the rule of law. It will accelerate efforts to contain and end hate speech that promotes division, violence, sectarianism and ethnic discrimination, including through enacting legislation that criminalizes hate speech. The United States and Jordan will provide help if needed.
10. Jordan, in coordination with Syria, will invite a delegation from the local communities of Suwayda (Druze, Christians and Sunnis) and representatives from the Bedouin tribes of Suwayda to initially separate meetings to help achieve reconciliation. Jordan will then invite these communities to a meeting to achieve reconciliation.
11. The United States and Jordan will work with the Syrian Government and the communities of Suwayda to agree on short- and medium-term security and administrative arrangements for a transitional period leading to the full reintegration of Suwayda into government institutions. The discussion will be based on the fact that Suwayda is an integral part of Syria and must achieve reconciliation with the State. The discussions will aim to achieve agreement on confidence-building measures and practical steps to address current challenges consistent with the agreements of the Amman meetings. These arrangements will include plans for:
 - The formation of a local police force that includes all communities of Suwayda. The force will be under the leadership of an officer from Suwayda appointed by the Ministry of the Interior. The make-up of the force will be agreed through negotiations.
 - The activation of all civilian administrative institutions in the governorate in cooperation with the local community and the relevant government entities.
 - The formation of a governorate council representing all communities of Suwayda. The council will interface with the Government and lead efforts to achieve long-term reconciliation.

- The release of any remaining prisoners and accounting for missing people.
- The administration of aid to the governorate in cooperation with the Government.
- Ending the foreign interference in Suwayda and reiterating commitment to Suwayda remaining part of Syria.
- Facilitating access to all evidence, including bodies, witness testimonies and security cameras in areas that witnessed the fighting.
- Cooperating with the Government and the Commission of Inquiry team to ensure accountability for all those who have allegedly committed violations.
- A road map for reconciliation with the Government.

12. The United States, in consultation with Syria, will explore security understandings with Israel regarding southern Syria that address legitimate Syrian and Israeli security concerns, while reaffirming Syria's full sovereignty and territorial integrity. Jordan will support the United States in these efforts, including through joint meetings.

13. Syria, Jordan and the United States will establish mechanisms for monitoring implementation of the road map in full respect of Syrian sovereignty.

Damascus, 16 September 2025

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