

The Security Council,

pp1 *Recalling* its presidential statement of 3 August 2011,

pp2 *Recalling* General Assembly resolution A/Res/66/176 of 19 December, as well as Human Rights Council resolutions S/16-1, S/17-1 and S/18-1,

pp3 Acting upon the League of Arab States' request in its communiqué of 22 November 2012,

pp4 *Expressing* grave concern at the deterioration of the situation in Syria, and profound regret at the death of thousands of people and *calling* for an immediate end to all violence,

pp5 *Welcoming* the League of Arab States' Action Plan of 2 November 2011 and its subsequent decisions, including its communiqué of 22 January 2012, and *supporting* full implementation with the aim of a peaceful resolution of the crisis,

pp6 *Noting* the deployment of the League of Arab States' observer mission, *emphasizing* the commendable efforts by the observers, *welcoming* the decision of the LAS to reinforce and extend the mission, *urging* the Syrian authorities fully to cooperate with the mission through implementing all the terms of the Protocol of 19 December 2011 and the Action Plan of 2 November 2011, and *recalling* the Syrian authorities' responsibility to protect the observers,

pp7 *Underscoring* the importance of ensuring the voluntary return to their homes in safety and security of those who have fled from violence, including Syrians who have fled to neighboring countries,

pp8 *Expressing* grave concern at the continued transfer of weapons into Syria which fuels the violence and calling on Member States to take necessary steps to prevent such flow of arms,

pp9 *Mindful* that stability in Syria is key to peace and stability in the region,

pp10 *Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Syria as well as to the Charter of the United Nations,

pp11 *Emphasizing* the need to resolve the current crisis in Syria peacefully,

pp12 *Welcoming* the engagement of the Secretary-General and all diplomatic efforts aimed at addressing this situation,

1. Condemns the continued widespread and gross violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms by the Syrian authorities such as the use of force against civilians, arbitrary executions, killing and persecution of protestors and members of the media, arbitrary detention, enforced disappearances, and interference with access to medical treatment, torture, sexual violence, and ill-treatment, including against children;

2. *Demands* that the Syrian Government immediately put an end to all human rights violations and attacks against those exercising their rights to freedom of expression, peaceful assembly and association, protect its population, and fully comply with its obligations under applicable international law including with resolutions S-16/1, S-17/1, S-18/1 of the HRC and resolution A/RES/66/176 of the UNGA;

3. *Demands* that all parties in Syria, including armed groups, immediately stop any violence or reprisals, including attacks against State institutions, irrespective of where it comes from, in accordance with LAS initiative;

4. *Recalls* that all those responsible for violence and human rights violations must be held accountable and *demands* that all parties ensure respect for, and act in accordance with, applicable international law;

Implementation of the League of Arab States' Action Plan

5. *Demands* that the Syrian Government, in accordance with the Plan of Action of the League of Arab States and its communiqué of 22 January 2012, without delay:

(a) cease all violence;

(b) release all arbitrarily detained persons due to the recent incidents;

(c) withdraw all Syrian military and security forces from cities and towns, and return them to their barracks;

(d) guarantee the freedom of peaceful demonstrations;

(e) allow full and unhindered access and movement for all relevant Arab League institutions and Arab and international media in all parts of Syria to determine the truth about the situation on the ground and monitor the incidents taking place; and

(f) allow full and unhindered access to the League of Arab States' observer mission;

Political roadmap

6. *Calls* for an inclusive Syrian-led political process conducted in an environment free from violence, fear, intimidation and extremism and aimed at effectively addressing the legitimate aspirations and concerns of Syria's people, and *encourages* Member States to work with the

Syrian opposition and all sections of the Syrian society to contribute to this process, and also *encourages* the Syrian government to expedite reforms;

11. *Supports* in this regard the League of Arab States' initiative set out in its 22 January 2012 communiqué to facilitate a political transition leading to a democratic, plural political system, in which citizens are equal regardless of their affiliations or ethnicities or beliefs, including through the transfer of power from the President and transparent and fair elections under Arab and international supervision, in accordance with the timetable set out by the League of Arab States, and *encourages* the League of Arab States to continue its efforts in cooperation with all Syrian stakeholders;

Observer mission

7. *Calls upon* the Syrian authorities, in accordance with the League of Arab States' Protocol of 19 December 2011, immediately to:

(a) facilitate and allow the entry of technical equipment necessary for the mission to successfully carry out its duties, and provide a headquarters for the mission in the Syrian capital and in other sites that the mission deems necessary;

(b) secure access and freedom of safe movement to all members of the mission throughout Syria whenever the mission deems it necessary;

(c) provide the mission full access to prisons, detention facilities, police stations and hospitals whenever the mission deems it necessary;

(d) guarantee the mission its right to interview, freely or in private, any individual in any region of Syria, and to receive communications from any individual, group of individuals or body in Syria, as well as the right to hold meetings;

(e) guarantee not to punish, harass or retaliate against any person, his relatives or associates, who has communicated with the mission or provided testimonies or information to the mission;

8. *Stresses* the need for all to provide all necessary assistance to the mission, and *requests* the United Nations Secretary General to provide such assistance as required;

International support and cooperation

9. *Demands* the Syrian authorities to cooperate fully with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and with the Commission of Inquiry of the Human Rights Council, including by granting it full and unimpeded access to the country;

10. *Calls upon* all parties to allow full and unimpeded access for humanitarian relief personnel in order to ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian aid to persons in need of assistance;