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Mr. President,

We are gravely concerned at the continuing reports of human rights violations and at the cycle of violence and loss of human life in Syria. We are in particular concerned about the situation of the most vulnerable groups, children, women and elderly as well as human rights defenders.

We offer the following **recommendations** to the Syrian authorities:

- To cease all violations of international humanitarian and human rights law, including indiscriminate attacks on medical workers and facilities, schools, civilian infrastructure and the civilian population.
- To facilitate humanitarian access to civilians, lift the blockade on all besieged areas and grant full and unimpeded access to the Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic.
- To include the women's rights perspective in the peace negotiations and specifically to ensure that sexual violence concerns are raised consistently in the peace process and reflected in any peace agreement.
- To ensure the prompt, impartial and effective investigation into and put a stop to arbitrary detentions, harassment and persecution against human rights defenders.

Thank you.