

BRAZILIAN STATEMENT TO THE 1ST DRAFT

The Federative republic of Brazil appreciates efforts of the organization Forum for 21st century for initiative to discuss alarming situation in Syria. We would like to express our interest and support in solving the on-going violence in Syria and providing the Syrian folk with a future without any bloodshed.

We consider resolving the on-going civil war as a crucial interest of international community. Hereby we would like to express our position to the first draft of the security section of organization Forum for 21st century:

- **Position of Federative republic of Brazil on the situation in Syria**
 - Our ambassador to UN, Maria Luiza Viotti expressed our worries of Brazil as a biggest Latin American country with the conflict escalation in Syria.
 - According to Viotti, Syria should pursue a peaceful government via dialogue between Syrian government officials and the ones who oppose them.
 - Federative republic of Brazil is strongly against any military intervention and any abuse of human rights in Syria
- **Economic and humanitarian impact of conflict**
 - Humanitarian impact of the conflict is alarming. According to the UN figures the death toll exceeded 100,000 Syrian inhabitants, from which were 6500 children. Moreover, the total number of registered Syrian refugees in neighboring countries reached 1.86 million by September 2013 according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
 - The crisis had a significant impact on the economy as well. The most effected spheres were transportation, communications, mining and manufacturing, retail trade, and tourism.¹

¹ <http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/syria/overview>

- **Proposals on possible solution of Syrian civil war**

- Federative republic of Brazil absolutely confirms the acute need of resolving this long lasting conflict. In order to discontinue the violence in Syria, Brazil is strongly condemning the military intervention which was proposed by USA. This action could lead to another more serious conflict what we would like to avoid. We would rather try to solve this conflict via more pacific manner as a dialogue between government officials and rebel groups.
- Federative republic of Brazil would like to declare that in order to provide Syrian folk a future without violence is aggressive removing of the current political regime and replacing it, not the adequate manner how to solve this conflict.
- On the other hand Brazil strongly agrees with a proposal of a resolution of Syrian violence under the guidance of UN SC. Chemical weapons must be removed under the guidance of UN SC. We affirm a diplomatic resolution of this problem without any weapons and aggression.
- The main purpose of solving this issue is to protect Syrian population, which have been suffering from this conflict. Federative republic of Brazil considers the territorial division according to the ethnical groups as a challenging move towards the solution of this situation. As it was stated in the first draft this might cause other future ethnical conflict.

Federative republic of Brazil is prepared for further discussion of possible resolution. We are strongly in favor of solving this problem via diplomatic dialogue under guidance of UN SC. There have to be considered the acute need of disposal of chemical weapons and financial support for Syrian population.