



Forum for 21st century

Global security issues center.

Statement of Russian Federation on proposed 1st draft.

Russian federation welcomes opportunity to join negotiations about developments in Syria with strong intensions of finding solution for arisen conflict. We are strongly against continuing of this conflict which left population of Syria unprotected. Furthermore raging war could further destabilize whole region which already suffers from changes caused by Arab spring revolutions. In spite of the fact that this process was aimed at introducing democracy to the region it only led to its destabilization. This process is continuing in Syria and international community shall prohibit similar development as in Libya, Egypt or Tunisia. We would like an imminent resolution of conflict which would promote mutual interests of all parties involved.

Hereby we would like to thank Forum for 21 century for providing space for multilateral negotiations and inviting us to join them and to express our position on discussed matter. We welcome the fact that leading international powers gathered to solve stated problem, nevertheless we would like to express our concerns about not inviting Syrian government to this negotiations. As Syria was banned from participation in it and permanent seat was granted to Syrian it can no longer fully represent views of Syrian republic. Hereby we urge representatives of Forum for 21 century to reconsider inviting Syrian government to negotiations so that interests of all conflict participants are protected. Otherwise could this imbalance create obstacles for further negotiations.

Response of Russian federation to proposed draft of Forum for 21 century is as follows:

1. We fully endorse goal of Forum for 21 century to solve Syrian conflict in

accordance with international law. We see the possibility of international negotiations as a key to solving this crisis and hope that the final resolution will reflect the views of all countries present, and provide quick solution for ending this conflict.

2. Russian federation condemns material or financial support of either side of the conflict and confirms its intention not to support any of the sides. But we appeal to international community to recognize our right to fulfill deliveries of armaments as agreed with Syrian government prior to Syrian crisis. We would like to emphasize that this weapons can't be used against civil population or the opposition.

3. We welcome statement of Forum that current leadership of National Council of Syria isn't unite and cannot fully represent views of Syrian opposition. We recommend Forum members to endorse Geneva peace talks arrangements to create a platform for communication and exchange of views between both sides of the conflict.

4. We are strongly against proposal of removal of current leadership prior to proper discussions on international level. The idea of temporary authority is very unclear and we doubt its capability of controlling emerged situation. We emphasize the fact that opposition isn't able to control its members in current state of affairs and compliance of rebels with temporary government is uncertain. We express our belief that there would be no need for international intervention.

5. We recognize proposal on creation of semiautonomous or federative system in the country. Although its principals are righteous and could lead to resolution of conflict we believe that dissolution of state could lead to intensification of conflict as more and more interested parties would emerge and assuming control over such conflict would be much harder.

We reaffirm our strong belief in Forums capability in resolution in this long lasting conflict and look forward to upcoming negotiations.