

Syrian civil war

Statement of People's Republic of China on the 2nd draft

The People's Republic of China would like to express its thanks to Forum for the 21st century for initiating the discussion on Syrian civil war. We highly appreciate the opportunity to participate on the conference on Syrian civil war and are willing to cooperate with other participating countries with the objective of finding a mutually agreeable solution to help cease the conflict. We would like to emphasize the necessity of doing so in the shortest possible time as the number of victims is growing.

Notes:

- The conflict between Syrian army and civil military groups continues third year and is drawing international attention steadily. Due to political, economic and social decline of the country caused by civil war, international community is willing to solve the situation in Syria. The People's Republic of China condemns eventual military intervention and emphasizes the threat of economic problems that could be provoked by this kind of intervention.
- Since the establishment of diplomatic relations on August 1, 1956, the People's Republic of China and the Syrian Arab Republic have been cooperating in many areas, especially economic, political, trade and cultural. Due to these friendly relations, we desire to terminate the ongoing civil war and contribute to restore the country in order to continue and develop the previous cooperation.
- The People's Republic of China notes that rebel groups are so divided that they cannot overthrow Syrian government. It is possible that gain of power by rebel groups would cause problems in Chinese province of Xinjiang, a Muslim autonomy where nearly twenty million people live.

Position of the People's Republic of China on the proposals of the second draft regarding the Syrian civil war:

- As mentioned above, the People's Republic of China opposes the use of force in international relations and therefore appreciates the proposal of the Forum that no actor can perform military intervention in Syria without the explicit permission of the Security Council of the UN. We are ready to promote peace-making mission by providing experienced professionals. We agree with the process of disarmament of all the forces despite our conviction that major approach to resolve the situation in Syria should be by political dialogue, in order to fulfil our desire to cease the violence in the shortest time period.
- The People's Republic of China concurs with the concept of enforcing the weapon embargo and suggests creation of provisional control body or some other mechanism to safeguard weapon embargo and control postponed contracts.
- The People's Republic of China considers free and equal elections as one of the possible ways out of stagnating situation. We approve the intention to adhere to principles of freedom and equality of elections as we are convinced that future of Syria should be a choice of Syrian people only. If Syria itself will not be able to organize democratic elections, participating countries should engage themselves in helping the country to organize elections in the form of providing financial and material help and experienced professionals that would help country to organize free and equal elections.
- The question of the humanitarian aid is fully supported. We realize the necessity of helping the civilians and we are willing to elaborate a plan for humanitarian aid for Syria which will include food, shelter and medicine. Further we support the idea that there should be a plan of gradual resettlement of displaced people and we remind the necessity to discuss long term strategy of humanitarian, medical and financial aid after the conflict will be finished in order to rebuild the country and start its development.

The People's Republic of China would like to express its appreciation of new proposals of the draft and hopes that its position will be helpful in further negotiations. At the same time, we

are opened to any recommendations and suggestions regarding our position. We believe cooperation of all participating countries will solve the situation in Syria peacefully and will contribute to establishment of national stability and security in the country. In the end, we would like to emphasize the necessity to help develop the country after ending the conflict and express our belief that further cooperation will be as pleasant and effective as it was until now.