

Statement of the Federative republic of Brazil on the 2nd Draft of the Forum for the 21st Century

The Federative republic of Brazil would like to thank *the Forum for 21st Century* for creating a space for discussion among leading countries in order to find a multilateral solution to the Syrian conflict. We identify the necessity of resolving this alarming conflict and we fully support the efforts of *the Forum for 21st Century* to address resolutions which will ensure an ultimate peace of this war-battered country.

Our position about military intervention was not amended as we believe that this should not be an optimal solution to the conflict of such complexity. With regards to the 2nd Draft we would like to declare our suggestions to the final resolution of this conflict which includes:

1. Equal position of Syrian government and opposition forces in a negotiation process

We believe that the main focus of *the Forum for 21st Century* is to stop the bloodshed in Syria; however, we will not support any military intervention without UN mandate. The acceptance of Syrian government to put its chemical weapons under international control demonstrated an eventual space for discussion and willingness of pursuing diplomatic negotiations. That is the reason why we have identified as an optimal solution a bilateral dialogue between ruling authorities together with opposition forces. These two parties would acquire equal rights in the peace-making process. For ensuring security we feel that intermediary services of UN Secretary should be a suitable manner on how to proceed.

2. Identification of leading representatives among opposition parties

As the matter of negotiation process we find crucial to identify leading representatives among opposition parties. Even though the political spectrum in Syria is not unified, we will have to seek for respected representatives which will be able to pursue diplomatic negotiations. We share the opinion that a final outcome should lead towards newly declared free elections under the international control provided by UN. As a supportive tool of enhancing security in country, we would suggest passing through a new resolution concerning an embargo on import of additional weapons to Syria. All existing contracts for imports should be banned or postponed until this transition of country is fully accepted.

3. Framework for the negotiation

The peace-making process and bilateral negotiations will not have a frictionless progress. However we believe that both parties might be willing to end up their further military actions if there would be specific conditions secured. Firstly, both parties should ultimately put down their weapons and must not try to corrupt this agreement in any matter. Secondly, there should not be any legal proceedings related to military actions, as this would prevent from coming to any form of agreement and postpone the resolution of conflict. Thirdly, the

interests of all ethnic minorities must be fostered. Any discrimination based on ethnic, religious, gender or any other ground must be prevented. The citizens of Syria should express their interest and any other parties have to respect the sovereignty of the country and interests of its citizens and not interfere with this process. Lastly, starting with intermediary negotiations provided by UN officers the negotiations should lead to final free elections in summer 2014.

4. Means of enforcement of the agreement

The entire negotiation process needs to be ensured by neutral UN officials who will ensure the objectivity and peacefulness of these efforts. International observers must be entitled to track newly announced elections and any form of discrimination among Syrian inhabitants must be prevented by the UN peacekeepers, who will supervise the whole transition of Syria.

From the position of Federative republic of Brazil we would like to eventually reaffirm our strong intention on resolving the Syrian conflict on a diplomatic level in the *Forum for 21st Century* which we hope will at last provide Syrian folks with peace and constitution of new democratic regime, which will represent the opinion of a majority of Syrian inhabitants.