

Forum for 21st century

on the Syrian Crisis

Propositions to 3st 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 third draft regarding the Syrian civil war:

- As mentioned above, the People's Republic of China opposes the use of force in international relations. However, duration of the conflict showed the inability of

Syrian government forces and rebel groups to resolve the situation on their own, therefore we recognize the necessity of international community to interfere. We appreciate 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 diplomats and professionals who would be able to negotiate with all sides. We proclaim that we will choose the best professionals with experiences in working as a part of a bigger international diplomatic corpus in order to show that we have the best intentions for the Syrian nation in mind. The People's Republic of China agrees with the timeline of events and commends its hope to be helpful in fulfilling all the objectives on time.

- The People's Republic of China concurs with the concept of enforcement of the weapon embargo after the peace-making mission succeeds in establishing a negotiated truce. Further it suggests creation of a provisional control body or some other mechanism to safeguard weapon embargo and control postponed contracts in compliance with international law.
- 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, no matter which regime they will choose. If Syria itself will not be able to organize democratic elections, we concur that participating countries should engage themselves in helping the country with elections in the form of providing experienced observers that would help country to organize free and equal elections. We further concur that the elections should take place just after the term of president Assad ends or if the results of peace-making mission make a sooner date available. We consider any sooner date to be inappropriate.
- We approve that neutral units of the UN should have access to buildings and places that could be connected with recurrence of conflict, including places used by military and police personnel.
- The idea 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.
- We believe that a memorandum signed by every member of the Forum is a fundamental prerequisite of successful settlement of the civil war in Syria.

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. In the end, we would like to bring attention of the participating countries to a dangerous phenomenon is Syria, which is an increase of production and consumption of amphetamines among rebel groups, government forces and civilians and we require to combat the consumption of drugs among all groups. 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. We believe that cooperation of all participating countries will resolve the situation in Syria peacefully and will contribute to establishment of national stability and security in the country.