

Forum for 21. St century

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First of all, European Union would like to express thanks for the invitation to the Forum of 21.st century where the current situation in Syria is going to be discussed and would like to acclaim that is participating in this forum with other countries to discuss this issue and to introduce her point of view and possible proposals for solving this situation. European Union would like to express her willingness to give other participants a fair hearing and admit other proposal.

European Union recognize serious situation in Syria. European Union understands various ethnic groups and their desire for democracy but refuse achievement of this desire by fighting and killing. The EU strongly condemns the killing of civilians with the chemical weapons. The EU has reacted immediately to the violence by urging the regime to stop targeting civilians and to end the aggression. The situation in Syria has achieved an intensity to which it is important to pay our attention and come out with appropriate solutions.

European Union supports an open dialogue between coalition with president Assad and moderate opposition forces and is offering its help for solving this problem by providing places for discussion between concerned parties and is willing to take a position of the mediator. Beside that, EU is proposing that these debates will take part regularly until the problem is solved and the discussion will terminate with mutually satisfying solution for all involved parties. European Union proposes topic to be negotiated in this forum:

1. possibility of new elections
2. change of constitution
3. division of the country to the regions

4. international forces in the country

European Union is supporting only solution which is in compliance with international law. Any unilateral action against Syria regime or any one-side intervening in Syria would be considered as illegitimate action which can cause unpredictable consequences.

EU would like to emphasize that about the future of the country should not decide only leaders but also citizens. Because of this reason, we think that referendum which would involve topics mentioned above would be the best solution how by democratic manners can be this problem solved. European Union would like to emphasize that good leaders should put the good of the people in front of their own needs. All the citizens should not be excluded of having their passive voting right and no political party can be excluded.

Free and equal elections shall assure the democratic future of Syria. Election observation is an initiate tool in order to achieve democracy, human rights and the rule of law. The EU suggests that each Forum's member state should choose certain number of national representatives who will create an international team of election observers.

European Union has not only called repeatedly for an end of attacks, but also has supported the idea of solving problems within the frame of UNO. European Union is also supporting attitudes of the UNO and would like to strengthen the position of the UNO for contribution of solving this crisis. European Union takes due note of the announcement of Pan-ki Moon about calling a conference regarding Syria on 22. January with the aim of reaching a real and democratic change in the country.

European Union is one of the biggest donator of humanitarian aid to the people, who were intervened by the crisis in Syria and is claiming to continue in this help. European Union is proclaiming that no one of the EU states is going to

provide soldiers or weapons to any of concerned party. European Union is supporting the work of the humanitarian organizations and supports a common comprehensive UN-led aid strategy. European Union calls for an effective channel of distribution which shall be found and monitored by international community. The humanitarian help should include humanitarian, development and financial support for the Syrians living inside and also Syrian war refugees living outside the country. European Union encourages also other donors to undertake their part of the responsibility.

With respect to all suggestions of the Forum, the definitive implementation of complete disarmament of the Syrian army and all other militant units is seen to be reasonable solution, but unreachable target in the short-term horizon.

At the close of the conference, European Union would like to call other concerned parties to propose their proposals and believe that Forum for 21st century was not convened unreasonably and is able to come to political solution of the conflict which will bring peace and security to Syria.

Thank you.