

66 Over the past decade, Syrians have endured heinous abuses and violations by the Government and by all parties to the conflict, inflicting almost every international crime imaginable on the population. Unfortunately, no one group can claim clean hands as they have sacrificed the rights of ordinary Syrians for short-lived political gains or under the pretext of fighting terrorism. Parties to the conflict and the international community must put an end to this grim cycle, and instead begin to affirm rights, dignity, accountability and responsibility. To end this terrible conflict and achieve any form of sustainable peace, all sides, beginning with the Syrian government, must abide by their obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law.

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