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<u>Submission of the Syrian Arab Republic for SRCT-GA77 on Peacemaking/building and Conflict Prevention and Resolution</u>

The Syrian Arab Republic considers international peace and security a major goal and a strategic choice, and it works to achieve both in accordance with international law and the values of truth and justice as affirmed in the preamble to its 2012 Constitution. It is party to most international conventions and actively participates in the work of the UN committees concerned with promoting respect for international law.

In compliance with international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and based on its constitutional obligations, the Syrian Arab Republic has taken steps and measures to protect its citizens from violations committed by armed terrorist groups and has regained large parts of the areas controlled by these groups, and restored security, stability, and the rule of law to those areas.

The Syrian Arab Republic is making great efforts in countering terrorism in all its forms, manifestations, and names, and has fulfilled its responsibilities to protect its citizens. Since the beginning of the war on Syria, it called upon the United Nations for serious work to dry up the sources of terrorism, and to stop the financing, arming, training, harboring, and smuggling of terrorists, in light of the deliberate neglect of terrorism that strikes Syria with the support of Arab, regional and international countries.

Within the framework of its international obligations, Syria acceded to (11) international conventions related to countering terrorism and its financing and issued Law (19) of 2012 on countering terrorism, and Law (22) of 2012 on establishing a special court for terrorist cases and submitted its report on countering terrorism to the Secretariat of the United Nations in June 2021.

The Syrian Arab Republic cooperates in the field of exchanging information and providing expertise to counter terrorism with other countries at the bilateral and international levels and cooperates with the relevant Security Council sanctions committees by electronically circulating all the names and entities received from the committees at the border posts.

The Syrian Arab Republic is working hard to abide by relevant Security Council resolutions to the financing and suppression of terrorism, and the freezing of terrorist assets, especially resolution 1373 (1999), and has taken several measures to combat the activity of terrorist organizations on its territory and not provide refuge to them, and to ensure that they do not make any financial transfers to finance terrorism and freezing assets. It also cooperated with the Counter-Terrorism Department for the Middle East and North Africa at INTERPOL and provided it with a file containing the survey on terrorist groups and the names of organizations in Syria.

Within the framework of providing assistance to protect victims of terrorism, the National Development Program for Post-War Syria - Strategic Plan 2030 focused on implementing programs in the fields of rehabilitation of victims of terrorism and providing support, economic and social empowerment and psychological support, including the program for the protection of the wounded and the families of martyrs, the programs for developing social safety nets, the social security systems development Program, the national social aid program, the national social empowerment program, and the psychosocial support program.