

The Human Rights Council,

*Recalling* General Assembly resolutions 66/176 of 19 December 2011 and 66/253 of 16 February 2012, Human Rights Council resolutions S-16/1 of 29 April 2011, S-17/1 of 22 August 2011, S-18/1 of 2 December 2011, 19/1 of 1 March 2012, 19/22 of 23 March 2012 and S-19/1 of 1 June 2012, and Security Council resolutions 2042 (2012) of 14 April 2012 and 2043 (2012) of 21 April 2012;

*Reaffirming* its support for the six-point plan of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States, Kofi Annan, as annexed to Security Council resolution 2042 (2012), *and recalling* the 30 June 2012 Action Group Ministerial;

*Recalling* the statements made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights before the Security Council that crimes against humanity are likely to have been committed in the Syrian Arab Republic, *and noting* her encouragement to the Security Council to refer the situation to the International Criminal Court;

1. *Strongly condemns* the acts of violence; widespread, systematic, and gross violations of human rights; on-going atrocities; and indiscriminate targeting of civilians by Syrian authorities; *also condemns* the human rights violations and crimes that members of the government-controlled militia “Shabiha” continue to commit against the Syrian people;

2. *Strongly condemns* the continued extrajudicial killings; the killing and persecution of protestors, human rights defenders and journalists; arbitrary detention; enforced disappearances; interference with access to medical treatment; torture; and ill-treatment; and *condemns in particular* the targeted killing of children, and the fact that children have been subject to arbitrary arrest, detention, and torture and ill-treatment, including sexual violence;

3. *Demands* that the Syrian authorities release all persons arbitrarily detained, and immediately allow access of independent human rights monitors to all detention facilities, in particular those facilities where torture has been alleged to have occurred;

4. *Deplores* the alarming human rights consequences of the lack of implementation of the Joint Special Envoy of the United Nations and the League of Arab States six-point plan, and calls for the urgent, comprehensive and immediate implementation by all sides of all its elements without any preconditions and in the sequence prescribed by the plan;

5. *Reiterates* its urgent call upon the Syrian regime to put an immediate end to all violence and all human rights violations, and to meet its responsibility to protect its populations;

6. *Reiterates* also the importance of bringing to justice those responsible for the widespread and systematic use of violence against the Syrian people;

7. *Urges* the Syrian authorities to immediately and fully implement the agreed humanitarian response plan, including by granting immediate, safe, unimpeded and full access of humanitarian organizations to all areas of the Syrian Arab Republic;

8. *Invites* all relevant United Nations agencies, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, to provide support to Syrian refugees and their host countries;

9. *Emphasizes* the continued importance of the efforts of the Commission of Inquiry to conduct international, transparent, independent and unfettered investigations into alleged violations of international human rights law with a view to hold to account those responsible for such violations, including for those that may amount to crimes against humanity;

10. *Stresses* that the current Syrian authorities have failed to prosecute alleged perpetrators of such crimes, and encourages the international community promptly to take appropriate action to ensure that there is no impunity for such crimes, while underscoring the importance of the recommendation of the Commission of Inquiry that the Syrian people, on the basis of broad, inclusive and credible consultations, should determine, within the framework provided by international law, the process and mechanisms to achieve reconciliation, truth and accountability for gross violations occurring since March 2011, as well as reparations and effective remedies for the victims;

11. *Takes note* of the oral update provided by the Commission of Inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic during the Interactive Dialogue on June 27, 2012, including on its special inquiry into the events in El-Houleh, and looks forward to the full COI report to be presented to the Human Rights Council in September 2012; *also recognizes* that the Commission will need additional resources in order to completely fulfill its mandate;

12. *Calls upon* the Syrian authorities to cooperate fully with the Commission of Inquiry, including by granting it immediate, full, and unfettered access throughout the Syrian Arab Republic;

13. *Decides* to transmit all reports by the commission of inquiry to the main bodies of the United Nations for appropriate action;

14. *Stresses that* the current Syrian government's announced candidacy for the Human Rights Council in 2014 fails to meet the standards for Council membership set forth in paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 60/251; and

15. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.